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Florence deal denounced as 'figleaf'

# Major claims victory in the beef war

By PHILLP WEBSTER AND CHARLES BREMNER IN FLORENCE

JOHN MAJOR called off the beef war with the European Union yesterday after four weeks of conflict.

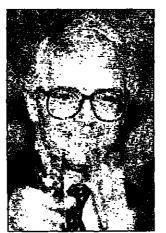
But his claim that the unprecedented campaign of obstruction the Government has waged against EU business had won him his objectives was met with derision from some Brussels officials and individual member countries. They launched an immediate attempt to rubbish last-minute concessions which had been hailed by ministers as soon as the deal was signed.

Hopes that the deal means that Britain may soon be able to export to third countries such as South Africa were played down. Officials called the deal a "figleaf" and a "sop

to British public opnion".

Agreement was reached at the end of yesterday's first session of the two-day EU summit in Florence, with all the combatants relieved to put an unhappy period in EU affairs behind them. After the deal reconciling Britain's demands for an agreed process for lifting the ban with Europe's insistence on public health guarantees, Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said the compromise "removes a dark cloud".

Mr Major declared himself extremely pleased and said that he had achieved a satisfactory agreement much earli-er than he would have done otherwise. "This has been a squabble. We had something



Major yesterday: "This has been a squabble"

that we had to sort out. It was necessary to bring it to a speedy conclusion. In a series of interviews

hailing the deal, the Prime Minister said last night that he expected to begin the ban lifted in the autumn. He denied that he had damaged the EU. "We have these disagreements from time to time There is not a nation in the EU that does not sometimes stand up and fight for its interests ... If countries were treated as Britain was treated. they would defend their national interests.

What stokes up ill feeling and resentment in the UK sometimes is the feeling that perhaps Britain is being put upon." He dismissed Eurosceptics' fears that he might

have had to bargain for the deal. No deals had been done on anything other than beef, he said. There had been "no cross-referencing" on monetary union or anything else.

The summit approved the plan drawn up by the Brussels Commission this week for a stage-by-stage lifting of the export ban on British beef as Britain implements eradication measures, including a cull of cattle that has been widened far beyond Britain's original hopes. But it secured a promise that third countries could ask Brussels to be allowed to buy British beef. No timescale is included in

the plan. But in a move that will be welcomed warmly by Conservative MPs, the Prime Minister is expected to give estimates in the Commons on Monday of when Britain believes it will have fulfilled the conditions for raising the different parts of the ban.

In London, Labour dismissed the agreement. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, said there were no dates and Mr Major would not be able to answer the question when the ban would be lifted. "Today's statement will leave Tory MPs fighting the next election with most of the ban still in place," he said. Under the proposal the embargo on the export of beef

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#### **England** holds its breath for Spanish encounter

By Alan Hamilton AND JOHN GOODBODY

BEES will buzz and blackbirds chirrup undisturbed for 90 minutes today as a great silence descends on the English summer afternoon. Lawnmowers will be stilled, and all the noise will be indoors, except at Wembley.

England's Euro 96 quarterfinal football clash with Spain. the most important encounter since 1588, will be watched on BBC1 by an estimated 18 million people. a British record for Saturday afternoon viewing. England's semi-final against West Germany in the 1990 World Cup attracted 25.2 million viewers, but that was in the evening and on both

There will be little escape. British Airways, which will have 90 flights in the air around the world during the period of the match. has arranged to radio regular bulletins to its captains so that they may keep passengers up to date on the game's progress. Travellers on BA flights to Spain will be offered free champagne irrespective of

their nationality.

Traditional English pursuits will be equally infected. Organisers of this afternoon's Francis Bailey primary school annual fete at Thatcham, near Newbury. Berkshire, spent yesterday in search of a spare television set to instal in a makeshift bar. Linda McCulloch-Smith, the school head, said: "We are certainly not going to be put off by the football; we will have a TV in the school because we don't want all the men to wander off just before 3pm." Village crick-Continued on page 2, col 3

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#### Murder trial 18 years after killing

A man accused of murdering Lynn Siddons, 16, went on trial 18 years after his stepson was cleared of murdering her. Michael Brookes allegedly ordered his timid stepson. Fitzroy, to stab Lynn beside a Derby canal in 1978, then took over himself..... ...... Page 3

# India 261 behind

India were 83 for two after the second day of the second Test at Lord's, 261 runs behind England, for whom Jack Russell, the wicketkeeper, scored \_\_. Page 51

#### Stuck in space

Two cosmonauts face an extra 20 days in the Mir space station because Russia cannot afford the Soyuz rocket boosters that ferry them to and ....Page 19



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# Children stranded by French port violence

From Ben Macintyre in paris, Susan Bell in ouistreham, and Jonathan Prynn

holidaymakers were caught up in a wave of violent protests over BSE across France yesterday as mobs of rioting French beef farmers blockaded two Channel ports. In the worst incident, a ferry with 500 passengers was forced to wait outside Quistreham harbour in Normandy for 13 hours, preventing it from picking up a stranded party of sick and disabled children.

THOUSANDS of British

Three other ferries bound for Cherbourg from Southampton, Portsmouth and Poole were delayed by up to two hours by fighting between farmers and police

outside the Normandy port. The Foreign Office warned of further delays for visitors to France today as the larmers' union stepped up its protest over the collapse in beef sales across Europe triggered by the British BSE scare.
Brittany Ferries, whose vessel Normandie was forced to turn away from Ouistreham on Thursday night, said it was demanding an inquiry by the French authorities and threatened legal action. The ferry finally docked at 7.30am

man for the company, which

yesterday. "I can't emphasise how outraged we are that yet again our service has been disrupted and that the French authorities made no arrangements to allow us to go about our business," said a spokes-

tium of French farmers. Terrified passengers were prevented from leaving the ship by farmers who drove tractors across the embarkation ramp and threatened to set them on fire. Police and port officials in Caen tried to persuade the farmers to let the ferry dock so the specialneeds children from an Eng-

lish school could board. Norman Pearson, 41, from Christchurch, Dorset, said: "It was a shameful display.



One of the ferries delayed by farmers' protests

The police and other people is part owned by a consorwere pleading with the farm-

ers, saying the kids had run out of food and medicine but they just did not care." The protest also hit French schoolchildren on a trip to England. Their crossing was delayed by the protests.

Michelle Laisnel, a teacher who was looking after a party from the Creuecoeur School in Calvados, Brittany, said: "The [farmers] were chanting and shouting, and when the riot police came some of the children became frightened."

Passengers said one group of schoolchildren were put up in the town hall in Caen by the Mayor, who gave them food and bedding. Passengers on the ship all allocated cabin berths or reclining seats and were served an evening meal

and breakfast, Britanny Ferries said. Other services were In Le Mans six people were

injured in clashes between 600 stone-throwing demonstrators and riot police who used teargas and batons.

The race track at Magny-Cours near Nevers was invaded by farmers who threatened to stop the French Grand Prix this month. The motorway from Paris to Lvons ground to a virtual halt in places as fairmers took to the road on tractors. Farmers also obstructed the railway line near Creusot in eastern France, holding up the high-speed Paris-Lyons train.

Most French farmers hold Britain directly responsible for the crisis that has seen beef demand drop by almost a third in France and farmers say they have lost at least two billion francs (£26 million).

The Mayor of Sancoins in the Sancerre region has warned that he will turn British holiday-makers away from the local campsite for

#### Europe minister goes to ground over 'resignation' Westminster for some weeks that Mr

BY JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID DAVIS, the Minister for European Affairs, went to ground yesterday as the Government tried to play down reports that he had offered his resignation to John Major. Mr Davis, normally an accessible figure. kept well away from journalists at the European Union summit in Florence. On arriving at the city's airport yes-terday morning he said a newspaper

story claiming that he had told Mr Major he wanted to resign because of personal frustration and his dissatisfaction with the Government's European policy was rubbish.

Throughout the day, however, neither Mr Davis nor other ministers and government officials would confirm or deny that a letter had been sent to the Prime Minister. Questioned by television reporters. Mr Davis said "of course" he was on board with Mr Major. He said he had written "half

the policy" so how could he disagree

But the Government's ministerial minders seemed determined to keep him out of harm's way. He was not seen again in public that day and failed to appear in the press room where at past summits he has performed the role of an unofficial spin doctor. He also failed to show at the British press conference with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary. Rumours have been circulating in

Davis - MP for Boothferry in Yorkshire - is unhappy with his non-Cabinet job. He also complained to colleagues last July that he had not been promoted in the reshuffle.

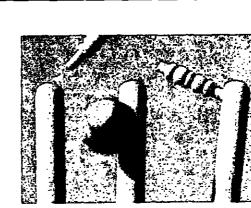
Last night there was speculation that he had submitted the letter before the policy of non-cooperation with Europe had started and that he might subsequently have withdrawn it.

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An illegal immigrant who was taken by police from a

chapel where he had sought

sanctuary was in hospital last

night with a suspected heart attack. Albert Tong. 43. will

remain under observation at

Treliske hospital in Truro,

Cornwall, while doctors

Mr Tong has lived illegally in Britain for 17 years. A

Home Office spokeswoman

said: "We will not move Mr

Tong until we have been told

Ballot go-ahead

Mike Watson, Labour MP

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**ALFA ROMEO SPIDER** 

Dorrell gives the go-ahead for longer hospital waiting lists

HOSPITALS were given the go-ahead yesterday to increase waiting lists to cope with the increasing demand for

Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, approved the move as a "shortterm response" to free beds in times of neak demand. But he said that it was unacceptable for managers to force patients to wait an extra two years for surgery. This was not the same as delaying an operation for one or two

between waiting a week or two for an operation and edging back to the situation that existed at the end of the

There is a world of difference

1980s." he said. The rise in emergency admissions is

THE chubby face of David

Davis has always shone out

among the drab ranks of

middle-aged, middle-ranking,

male ministers. Since he came

to the House nine years ago.

observers — and Mr Davis

himself -- have been con-

vinced it wouldn't be long

before he was wielding power

Brought up in working class South London and still

bearing the scar on his upper

lip from a crowbar attack in

Brixton, Mr Davis combines

sharp determination with

guile and charm. The Minis-

ter of State at the Foreign

Office can be as straight-

talking as Kenneth Clarke or

as obscure as a Brussels

technocrat and his colleagues

quickly realised that his

career comes before all else.

Thatcherite as potential Prime Ministerial material

for the next Millennium. But

the young

at the Cabinet table.

Self-confident

**Euro Minister** 

who believes

in his destiny

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

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Even worse, if Tony Blair

gets in he won't have had the

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for years for another chance.

was infuriated when he dis-covered that he had not been

given Privy Counsellor status in the recent honours list — an

indication that he might have

been destined for the Cabinet.

He frequently points out to

colleagues that he hasn't put a

foot wrong since becoming

MP for Boothferry in 1987. A

skilful behind the scenes oper-

ator, he is adept at soothing

him. His constituency chair-

man describes him as "im-

mensely lively, self-confident and ebulliant and a complete

He is "happily married" with three children. His only

failure so far has been an

inept speech on Europe he

The party grassroots like

the Prime Minister's nerves.

Friends say Mr Davis, 47,

that they may not be able to meet demand when it peaks during the winter months. Speaking to the annual conference of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, Mr Dorrell said that there were many ways of coping with the pressures, including commissioning extra beds in the short term, reducing or delaying elective surgery, such as hip replacements, or opening short-term

admission wards. Without abandoning the progress towards shorter waiting lists, which he said was an important achievment of recent years, Mr Dorrell made it clear that he did not expect further progress this year. He was prepared to envisage an increase, so long as it was only a matter of weeks. Mr Dorrell's speech

likely to win approval from health service managers but was received noticeably more coolly than that of the Labour leader Tony Blair the day before. The Health Secretary had no new initiatives to offer and has given health authorities and trusts a hard time by his demand for a 5 per cent cut in management costs.

This had been achieved, he said. releasing £300 million from administration and into patient care. When questioned he declined to rule out further cuts, though he did concede that "what was right this year isn't necessarily appropriate to another

Some non-executive members of trusts and health authorities have also been concerned by the suggestion

Davis combines strength with guile and charm

appointments secretary, that they should serve only one contract. Since many are appointed only on two-year contracts while others are given four years, this appears illogical, and Mr Dorrell agreed to think again. He said that he thought eight years was a reasonable maximum term.

His speech was a robust defence of the Health Service, accused by Mr Blair of sinking to the level of a "rump" service. Mr Dorrell denied the charge, saying that the NHS delivered equitable access to healthcare, at a cost few rival countries could match. "NHS healthcare is extremely efficiently delivered," he said. "That simple fact represents an important British achievement which we should be determined to safeguard."

Continued from page I from grass-fed BSE-free herds is likely to be lifted first, with the bans on embryos, calves born after a specific date this year, meat from animals under 30 months old and.

with the rest of Europe, Mr Major's fellow leaders declined to include the decision in their final communique and to leave it as a separate declaration. More important, Commission officials went out of their way to belittle the likely impact of the deal, saying that it would not result in any relaxation of the thirdcountry bans before the EU bans were lifted.

ish officials who said that the declaration allowed for interim measures. However, Klaus Van der Pas, chief Commission spokesman, said the third-counttries concession does not commit the Commission to anything at all. It does not commit member states to anything. If there is a request, it will be examined." Last night the National Farmers' Union welcomed the

but said: "The details of the settlement are still worrying. We can see no scientific justifi

raise his profile. He showed

his mettle to the party for four

years in the Whips' office

where he was most active

during the Maastricht

He also made several ene-

mies among rebels who still

see Mr Davis as a softly-

spoken bully and a careerist

who sacrificed his Euro-scep-

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They will be pleased that he might finally put his career on

#### Beef deal

finally, the overall ban, being

import British beef could be approved separately by the Commission after consulting all the appropriate authorities. In moves that emphasised the depth of bitterness that has built up during Britain's battle

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Leading article, page 25 cation for the extra cull."

The summit also agreed that requests from third coun-tries — outside the EU — to

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burgh ruled that the Labour Party had properly checked the eligibility of all those entitled to vote.

#### Opera peace

Staff at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, who confronted the Queen over cutbacks when she visited earlier this year, have settled their dispute. Their union Bectu agreed terms after months of talks at the conciliation service Acas. Nearly 100 being made jobless this autumn will receive retraining. A 4 per cent rise is being backdated to April.

#### Solstice arrests

henge on the longest day of the year, police said that they had made 30 arrests after a night in which they acted to prevent an occupation of the monument on the summer solstice. Two people were arrested for possession of drugs, 18 for breaches of the peace, and ten for breaches of orders banning processions and trespass.

#### Security grants

The Government yesterday handed out £17 million of grants for security cameras 🔊 in schools, community centres and high streets. Schools are rated a priority after the Dunblane massacre in March and the fatal stabbing last December of Philip Lawrence, the London headmaster. The individual awards range from £3,000 to £250,000.

#### Champion again

Steve Howe, 34, a systems engineer, is The Times Lease Plan Company Car Driver of the Year for the second consecutive year. He beat it finalists in tests of skill and observation at Silverstone. and was presented with his award last night by Steven Norris, minister for road safety. Richard Crow of the Pfizer pharmaceutical company was second.

#### increasingly agitated gave at the dispatch box last He is also determined to Lord's to show soccer clash

Continued from page I et will also pay its price.

Andrew Riant, captain of Preston chub near Hitchin, Hertfordshire, said: "We will have a TV in the clubhouse. I have been asked by the team to make sure I win the toss, so that we can bat first and watch the match in the dressing room." Other cricketers have been more far-sighted. Tony Dawe, fixtures secretary of Coldharbour cricket club in Surrey, made sure months ago that there would be no game today. At Lord's, the

MCC will show the match on its giant screens if rain interrupts the third day's Test between England and India, but spectators who want to listen covertly to Wembley on their radios were reminded yesterday that they must have

earoieces. It may be difficult to hail a cab this afternoon, not that many people will wish to. Bob Oddy, secretary of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association representing London black-cab drivers, said: "There won't be much trade, so a lot of

cabbies will stay at home and watch the match."

year. An avid Eurosceptic, he

was given his present post

precisely because his presence

would reassure fellow sceptics

that the Foreign Office would

He is well aware of his own

academic abilities and has

made it clear to friends that he

knows he could do a better job

than either Gillian Shephard.

Virginia Bottomley or Doug-

las Hogg. Education is the

portfolio he would most like.

but he wouldn't say no to

Agriculture.

not sell out British interests.

Some of life's vital strands are, however, expected to proceed as usual. Cheisea Register Office reported that it was fully booked for weddings this afternoon.

Bookmakers reported yes-terday that £5 million had already been wagered on the William Hill make England 11-8 on to win, and 11-4 on to go through regardless of extra time or penalties.

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#### Post workers claim victory with strike

BY PHILIP BASSETT

UNION leaders last night claimed a success after the first national postal strike for

nearly eight years. Staff will be working overtime today to clear the backlog from the 24-hour strike called by the Communication Workers' Union over pay, productivity and teamworking

Nearly all letter collection and delivery services were hit

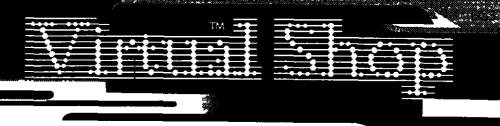
by the strike yesterday, which was strongly supported by sorting and delivery staff. Letterboxes in city centres were sealed and only three of the 85 major sorting offices were open from the start of the strike. The strike did not involve workers at Parcelforce

The next 24-hour strike is scheduled to start at noon on

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# Stepfather 'told timid boy to take blame for murder'

A MAN went on trial for the murder of a teenage girl yesterday. 18 years after his stepson was cleared of the crime. Michael Brookes allegedly ordered his timid stepson Fitzroy to begin the attack then manipulated him into taking all the blame.

The victim, Lynn Siddons, 16, was a neighbour who had become friendly with Fitzroy, then 15. After questioning, the boy confessed to police and was charged with murder.

He was acquitted at Nottingham Crown Court in 1978 after saying that his stepfather instigated the killing and took part. Yesterday Mr Brookes was said to have boasted in a pub to a man who asked him if he committed the murder: Yes, they will never get me

The victim was murdered



Brookes: accused of killing after 18 years

on April 3, 1978, a week before she was to have started work at Derby Co-Operative Society. Anthony Palmer, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury that it was Mr Brookes who carried out the killing, leaving her strangled and mutilated body with 43 stab wounds in

visited Fitzroy at home, but there was no suggestion of a sexual relationship. On the day of the murder, she and Fitzroy, who was carrying a sheath knife, went to fields near the canal where they walked until they were joined by Mr Brookes, who was carrying a carving knife.

dant, and did virtually as he

Lynn, he told the jury, often

was told," said Mr Palmer.

was found six days later.

"All three walked towards the canal and then into bushes. Michael Brookes grabbed Lynn round the mouth and neck area and held her tightly. He handed the carving knife to Fitzroy, and shouted at him to stab her," said Mr Palmer.

"Fitzroy did as he was told



Lynn Siddons's family yesterday: from left, her aunt Cynthia Smith, grandmother Florence, uncle Keith Siddons and mother Gail Halford

and stabbed once at Lynn, but the blade broke from the handle. The defendant then ordered Fitzroy to get his sheath knife out and stab Lynn. Fitzroy did as he was ordered, and stabbed her a few times. Then the defendant seized the knife from him and continued to stab Lynn."

Marks from the victim's fingernails showed she tried to pull the killer's hand from her throat. But the 5ft 3in girl, weighing just 72 stone, was simply overpowered and died from strangulation within 20 to 30 seconds, Mr Palmer said.

A post-mortem examination gave the cause of death as strangulation, shock, and haemhorraging from the stab wounds. The prosecution said that Mr Brookes dragged the his own, he would just go into body to the canal, immersed a home for a couple of years." her head in the water, then Later that evening, Lynn's pulled her into bushes. Her clothes had been pulled up to

Mr Brookes schooled his stepson to tell everyone he and Lynn were walking alone, and that when he came out of the bushes after relieving himself, she had simply vanished: "The defendant warned Fitzroy that

if he told police that he, the defendant, was there during the killing, they would both go to prison for a very long time. Michael Brookes went to the If he, Fitzroy, had done it on station and was left alone with

grandmother Florence, who raised the girl as her own daughter, became concerned and went to Fitzroy's house, where he duly told her the agreed story, said Mr Palmer. Fitzroy was arrested and taken to the police station where he admitted stabbing Lynn. But because he was a juvenile,

police summoned a responsible adult to be with him during questioning.

his stepson three times during the 22-hour interview, at one stage for up to half an hour. Michael Brookes made a witness statement describing Fitzroy as "very timid". He claimed to have seen Fitzroy and Lynn walking together on the day of the murder, and one of them had waved at him. Later that day, he met Fitzroy walking near the woods alone, and Fitzroy told him Lynn had

gone off to meet a friend. But Mr Palmer said Michael Brookes had no supporting alibi, having claimed to have gone to meet his mother, but not gone into her house because he did not get on with her new husband. Fitzroy stuck to his story for six months, but in October, 1978, a month before his trial. Fitzroy spoke to the police and implicated defendant."

Mr Brookes was arrested for murder in Peterborough in July, 1992. The case continues on Monday.

#### Land deal delay robs pensioners of nest-egg

Murder victim Lynn Siddons and her grandmother,

By IAN MURRAY

EIGHT years after accepting an offer for their 23-acre plot. a dwindling group of elderly allotment holders will soon share a £5 million windfall. But in the time since the offer was first made, more than 70 members have died and the price of the land in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, has fallen by £4 million.

Bill Halford, chairman of the South Learnington New Allotments Society, said: "We have lost nearly 50 shareholders in the last two years alone. I am 83. We are all around

the same ages. "We thought it was going to be a nice little nest-egg. I am almost too old to enjoy spend-ing it now and after all the delays I can't be certain it will

ever materialise. The wife and I live on the basic state pension of £60 a week. It will be nice to get the money before I die. It has become very frustrating and rather sad."

Delays were caused initially by a dispute among members about how much the land was worth and then by

rival claims about who owned some of the plots.

A.C. Lloyd, the developers, who want to build 290 houses on the site, then began lengthy negotiations about access with Warwick District Council. Planning permission is expected to be granted next week. Detailed plans for the entire development will then

# Mafia chief's daughter gets armed guard

By Carol Midgley

THE 25-year-old daughter of a convicted Mafia general was recommended for extradition to Italy yesterday to face charges of drug trafficking. Armed police guarded Court One at Bow Street Magistrates in London as Maria

dock. A cordon of police officers surrounded the building amid fears that Mafia hitmen hired by her father, Emilio di Giovine, would try to spring

her from custody. Ms Merico remained passive as Ronald Bartle, the stipendiary magistrate, told her: "You are committed in custody to await the direction of the Secretary of State with a view to your extradition to

Italy." James Lewis, for the Italian government, said Ms Merico was accused of conspiracy to import and supply controlled

drugs into Italy.

More than 100 people are

alleged to be participants in the conspiracy and various trials have already been heard

"There was an organised system of importing and trafficking in Italy from Spain and Morocco," said Mr Lewis. incidents of Ms Merico being involved in violence.

Ms Merico's father, who married an English woman from Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, is a convicted murderer firearms and drugs

In 1994 Ms Merico, who is married to an Italian, was jailed by Newcastle Crown Court for smuggling £1.6 million of Mafia drugs money across Europe in her fouryear-old daughter Lara's cot. For much of her life she has

lived in a council house in Poulton-le-Fylde with her mother where she worked behind the bar at the Golden



Maria Merico and her daughter lived in Lancashire

# How to give a blonde a day she'll remember

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

IN CASE you were too busy celebrating the end of National Broccoli Week to notice. yesterday was National Go Home on Time Day. If by chance you stayed late at the office, there are plenty more dates in the year ahead to catch up on

National Be Nice to Blondes Day - January 17 next year is one of them. It joins a bizarre list of days jostling for the national

Next Friday, for instance, is National Take Your Dog to Work Day. October 6 is the optimistically named National Day of Courtesy on Britain's Roads, November 23 is Abba Day, while October 31 heralds the alarming Bug Buster Day

Understanding Headlice. Where do they all come from? Marilouise Campbell, sales and marketing manager at Foresight, a future events information service", said there were no restrictions at all. 😮 v publish anyone's

campaigns no matter how ridiculous, although how successful it is depends on their

own publicity. It took me just a few minutes of discussion and a fax to get Be Nice to Blondes Day fixed for my birthday and into the Foresight directory, competing for attention with 190 other dates. There is no charge for the procedure as journalists, public relations and market-ing workers pay Foresight for

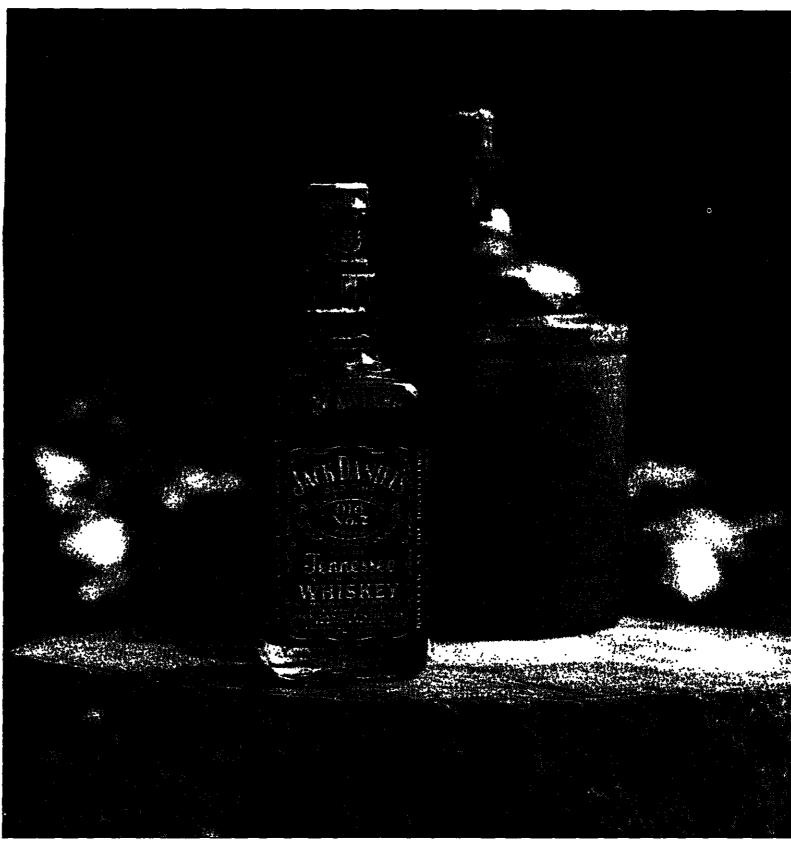
information in the directory. All companies, charities and egotists have to do is post an explanatory paragraph and an appropriate contact number for interested parties. Some select a whole month. September has been appropri-ated by the British Bathroom Council as National Shower Month. Less fragrantly, perhaps, cheese makers have

nominated a week in September as National Cheese Week. Prospective self-advertisers need not worry about clashing. In many cases it is actively

encouraged. Thus National Impotence Day sits alongside Valentine's Day on February

Discussing which day to choose for my Be Nice to Blondes, we rejected the greater publicity generated by clashing with National Wonderbra Week in favour of a gloriously blonde day to ourselves. The new date will provide a day for blondes when they "can be assured of charming courtesy and intellectual deference from their darker-haired friends and colleagues". Maintaining it as an annual event will take little effort as Foresight will contact me a couple of months before the date to check I want to go

Now it is simply down to my chosen campaign team to promore the day. In the meantime, we can enjoy National Left-Handers Day on August 13 and the Scouting Association's National Woggle Day in



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# Owner of house in road rage hunt admits Noye link

THE owner of a house which is linked to the "road rage" killing of Stephen Cameron admitted yesterday that he knew Kenneth Noye, the Brink's-Mat robber, whom police want to trace.

The property dealer Peter Horton's Dartford company Fort Knight owns the semi-detached in Bexley, southeast London, which was used as an address to register a Land Rover Discovery that might have been used by the killer. Mr Horton said that although he had met Mr Noye on several occasions, Mr Noye had no connections with the

house that he knew of. The Discovery registration L794 JTF that police want to trace was registered at the house in Bexley under the name Anthony Francis. Mr Noye used the alias Anthony Francis while he was handling the proceeds of the £26 million Brink's-Mat gold bullion robbery during the 1980s. He was freed from a 14-year prison sentence for his part in the laundering of the gold in 1994. Mr Horton said yesterday:

"Everybody around here knows Ken Noye. I have met him on occasion but we are acquaintances rather than friends." He knew no one called called Anthony Francis.



Noye police in M25 case want to speak to him

The house had been let to two women who left in May. Kent police emphasised that Mr Horton had co-operated

fully and was in no way implicated. Police will only say they want to eliminate Anthony Francis from their enquiries. and that they also want to speak to Mr Noye, 47, who is rumoured to have left the

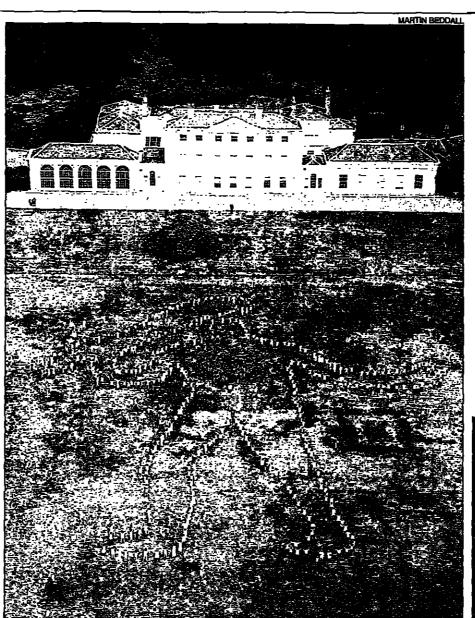
country the day after the killing on the M25 slip-road in Swanley, Kent on May 19. He is said to have been in Spain, northern Cyprus and Tenerife but there have been

no confirmed sightings. One police source said yesterday: He has a lot of friends in farflung corners of the world, and a lot of money. He must know we want to question him."

Mr Noye's wife Brenda has told police that she and her husband, who have a home in Sevenoaks. Kent, lead separate lives, and that she does not know his whereabouts. Mr Noye, once a printer's

apprentice, became a multimillionaire businessman. Brought up in a council house in Bexleyheath, he left school at 15 without qualifications, but within five years he was on his way to his first million. He worked evenings and week-ends, driving tipper-trucks and selling programmes at race-tracks to earn his first £1,000 to buy land and build a bungalow. Business boomed when he started a haulage firm, investing profits in property speculation and dabbling in the stock market.

His rise was not without brushes with the law. He was sent to Borstal for receiving stolen cars and later fined for shoplifting and assault on a policeman. In 1977 he was given an 18-month suspended sentence for receiving and possessing a shotgun. In 1980, he began illegal gold-dealing.



A thousand children recreating the giant at Kenwood House in north London and, above, the real thing at Cerne Abbas in Dorset

### Giant takes heart but loses vital part of anatomy

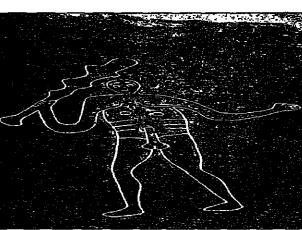
THERE is no prize offered for spotting the missing member in a manoeuvre enacted yesterday by more than a thousand schoolchil-dren in aid of an appeal to raise £1.5 million for heart and lung research.

Dressed in red and blue Tshirts and holding coloured balloons, the children gathered in front of Kenwood House in north London to recreate the image of the Cerne Abbas giant, a pre-historic chalk figure cut into a Dorset hillside.

Under the direction of Jon Bunker, maker of the Halifax Building Society's tele-vision commercials, some position to give the giant a "heart". While gaining a heart, though, the figure was deprived of another important organ that has made the Dorset version a potent sym bol for centuries.

A spokeswoman for the the Royal Brompton Hospital's Heart of Britain appeal said: "We had to eradicate that part of the giant entirely. It might have offended the children, or, if not them, their teachers."

The bowdlerised image the children created was photographed from the air for use in a book made of entries in a photographic competition illustrating the "heart of the nation".





Mr and Mrs North and the pond Vann attacked

# Neighbours catch pond slasher in the act on camera

By ROBIN YOUNG

A 14-YEAR feud between neighbours ended in court yesterday after one of them was caught on videotape sabotaging the others' garden pond with a home-made spear.

Years of festering animosity came to a head when Ronald Vann put a knife on the end of a pole and slashed the lining of Derek and Marion North's ornamental pond. He was caught in the act by the video camera Mr North had set up as a security device.

The camera clearly showed

Vann sneaking into the garden of the Norths' £75,000 home in Whitley. Coventry. and attacking the pond with three prodding movements.

At Coventry Magistrates' Court yesterday Vann, 49, a Massey Ferguson tractor plant worker, pleaded guilty to causing criminal damage. He was conditionally discharged for 12 months and ordered to pay £180 compensation and £40 costs.

Melanie Watters, for the prosecution, said that Mr North had previously argued with Vann over a boundary wall he had built that en-croached on their garden.

When Mr North and his wife returned from the cinema last November, they noticed the water in their garden pond had disappeared. When they played back the videotape from the camera mounted in a bedroom, they saw Vann en-tering their garden and putting his knife into their pond three times.

David Latham, for Vann, said he and the Norths had not spoken to each other in the 14 years they had lived as neighbours. Mr North had



Vann: regretted actions

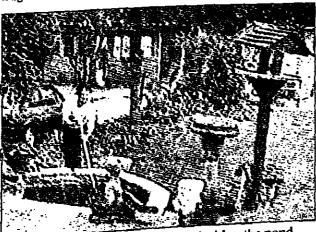
complained about Vann working on cars in his garden, and Vann had had to deal with Inland Revenue, environmental health and city council

inspectors as a result. He had finally seen red when he received a letter about the dispute over the garden boundary. Vann regretted what he had done. The stipendiary magistrate.

William Probert, told Vann: This was not only a neighbourly dispute but a mean and spiteful act. There is nothing worse I can imagine between neighbours."

After the case Mr North, 65, said: "Essentially, we do not want anything to do with this man, but we cannot make him move and we have no intention of fleeing the scene

either." Vann claimed his neighbours had three video cameras trained on his movements. The Norths said they had installed a camera after Vann had chopped a large Christmas tree which overhung his



The videotape showing Vann slashing the pond





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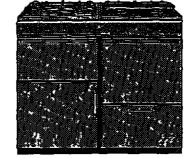
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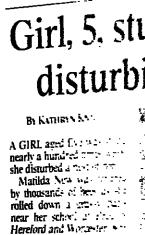
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# Town fights back over infamy on the Internet

A SMALL town was startled by world fame after finding itself on an Internet travel section which also features the Taj Mahal and the Pyramids. But the surprise turned to anger yesterday when residents read the entry in the Knowhere Guide.

In one of the most dismis-sive, high-tech tourist entries since The Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy summarised planet Earth as "mostly harmless", the worldwide web page for Eston, Teesside, advises potential visitors: "The only good thing about Eston is the No 263 bus, because it's a link to the outside world."

Instead of listing the imposing Eston Nab, a promontory of the Cleveland Hills jutting out above the area which holds one of the earliest Bronze Age sites in Britain, the piece prefers to mention the neighbouring ICI petrochemical site, sprawling over hundreds of acres at Wilton. It describes the plant on the south bank of the Tees as the worst thing about Eston, mainly because the town is "within smelling distance" of the works, described as a

"right stinking slag-heap". The guide also warns that although the town (population 16,000) has many public houses, "they are a little dingy and you will probably end up getting into a fight. If you don't live in Eston/Redcar/



Life in the bus lane: "The only good thing is the No 263 to the outside world" says the entry. below

Middlesbrough, don't venture into any of the pubs if you want to come back out alive. With its high unemployment, this place attracts yobs (although it does have a small

percentage of decent folk)." A section on clubs mentions only the renovated North Ormesby Institute - "if you can get signed in -- where the beer is cheap. A section on famous citizens is blank.

pressed Brian Roberts, leader of the newly created Redcar Cleveland authority, which includes Eston. A local resident for 53 years, he said: "It's ill-conceived and mischievous. The author does not know what he's talking about. The people are very friendly, the pubs are well run and won't stand for trouble, and ICI causes less air pollution than cars on the roads.

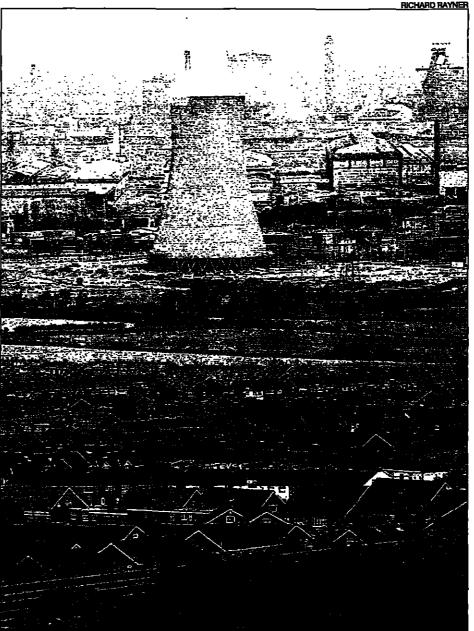
from the North Yorkshire countryside and minutes from the Cleveland coastline."

David Walsh, a fellow councillor, was even more outspoken: "Whoever compiled this is an anoraked nerd. Eston is a lovely place, a canny town filled with canny people.

Dawn Robson, landlady of the Miners Arms — which gets a mention — was also unimpressed by the anonymous entry. She said: "If I found it was one of my regulars they would be barred. We have no trouble here and the people are the nicest you could meet."

Even ICI was upset. A spokesman at Wilton said: Comments such as these are clearly borne out of ignorance of the very real improvements which have taken place in recent years. I am sure that the people of Teesside will be annoyed by these claims."

Eston was originally a Saxon settlement, based on iron ore mining in the Cleveland Hills. The first guide to the area 900 years ago, William the Conqueror's Domesday Book, described it as "a waste", but that was mostly because his nobles had put the region to the sword after a northern rebellion. Its industrial development began early in the last century when drift mines were opened to extract iron and alum. To access the Knowhere Guide enter: www.state51.co.uk/knowhere



Not quite the Pyramids: the ICI plant "within smelling distance of Eston"

#### Boy of 4 suffers for mushroom feast

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A BOY of four suffered severe hallucinations and panic attacks after eating a crop of "magic" mushrooms in a field near his home.

Daniel Billington, of Stock port. Greater Manchester. imagined hordes of worms crawling over his body and flying around his head. Several days later, he still has panic attacks and picks imagi nary worms out of his shoes.

His mother, Diane, said that Daniel was attracted to the crop because he enjoyed eating cooked mushrooms at home. He was taken to hospital and doctors diagnosed some kind of poison. It was only after Daniel pointed to wild mushrooms later that his mother realised what had

Dr David Pegler, assistant keeper and head of mycology at Kew Gardens, said that of 4,500 wild species of mushrooms in Britain, only 50 were edible. "The boy probably ate a Liberty Cap, which contains the Class A drug psilocin. They look like small brown toadstools, with long slender stems around three inches long."

He said these mushrooms

were prolific, particularly between June and September. "Parents must take great care, as summer is the dangerous time. While they are not usually fatal in themselves. they may leave after-effects and are bewildering for a

# Girl, 5, stung 90 times after disturbing nest of bees

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A GIRL aged five was stung nearly a hundred times when she disturbed a nest of bees. by thousands of bees as she rolled down a grassy bank near her school at Bredon. Hereford and Worcester. She received 40 stings on one leg

Her classmates at Bredon Haddocks First School watched in horror as Matilda ran screaming to the river's edge. Gail Walsh, her teacher. was sturig more than a dozen times as she went to her

Ms Walsh, 47, said it was her "worst nightmare". The children were spending the morning rowing in the school boat on the River Avon. Some were allowed to roll down the slope as they waited their but Matilda rolled over a hollow concealing the bees.

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screaming as she jumped up. All I could see was that she was absolutely covered in black. She must have been absolutely terrified," Ms Walsh said

After shouting at the other chidlren to flee, she pulled Matilda to the water's edge and was able to stroke the

bees off. "As soon as one went, they all did. But by then she had about 90 stings on her body and legs and more on her head." Two other children were mildly stung.

Matilda was taken to the village health centre and given anti-histamine injections before going to Cheltenham General Hospital, where she was kept overnight.

Yesterday her mother, Rachel, said Matilda was recovering well but needed further saw her I was shocked that someone so small could be stung so many times and be alive. She was very weak and pale, very quiet but very

Matilda said: "I was really frightened. The doctors and nurses told me I was a very lucky girl not to be worse." The poison unit at Guy's

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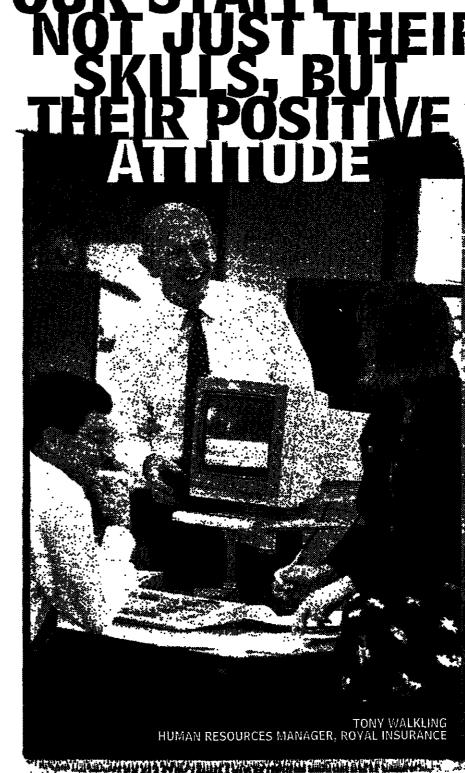
Every staff member on the Motability project went on a disability awareness course (which included negotiating Liverpool City Centre in a wheelchair!) lo give them the right level of understanding when talking directly on the phone to a disabled claimant, co-ordinating things like

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#### MG lovers exceed list price for used cars

By DIANA THORP

EAGER buyers are paying thousands of pounds over the list price for secondhand models of the MGF to beat waiting lists for the sports car. Two motorists paid £2,500 extra for used versions of the car this week, the first new MG for more than 25 years, rather than wait for a new model.

More than 2,400 customers are awaiting delivery of a new MGF, and overseas demand is high. Dealers said yesterday that the popularity meant buyers would have had to wait up to six months for delivery. Clive Sutton, an MG dealer

in Kensington, has sold his stock of new MGFs for this year and bought 14 used cars at auction last week. The secondhand cars went to dealers for up to 15 per cent more than the list price of new models, between £18,000 and £19,000. But Mr Sutton sold two of the cars, with 6.000 and 7,000 miles on the clock, for £20,950. He said: "Before we went to the auction we took some deposits from customers prepared to buy the cars subject to seeing them."

Alan Cole. editor of Glass's Guide, the price directory. said that it was unprecedented for secondhand versions of a mainstream model to sell at more than the new price. Rover said the production of three other cars that will share

that production of the sports car could be increased. Festival of speed,

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# Seven arrests after police raid on IRA bomb factory

By Audrey Magee, ireland correspondent

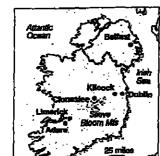
POLICE in Ireland have raided a large IRA bomb factory after a tip-off from members of the public appalled at recent atrocities including the murder of an Irish policeman.

At least 12 mortars - possibly containing explosives and timing devices and electrical components were found on Wednesday evening in farm buildings one mile outside Clonaslee, Co Loais, a town at the foot of the Slieve Bloom mountains. Police said it was one of the largest ever finds and "very significant".

A source in the Garda said the officers discovered an IRA unit manufacturing a mortar bomb. One man at the scene produced a handgun as the detectives entered, but was quickly overpowered.

Last night it was disclosed that an underground bunker had been discovered in the same area.

The raid is regarded as evidence of a public backlash



against the IRA after the murder two weeks ago of Detective Garda Jerry McCabe. The IRA acknowledged that it murdered Mr McCabe as he escorted a mail

The public response to an appeal for information was the largest ever, police said. Twenty-one people have been questioned about the murder of Mr McCabe. Three have been charged with IRA membership and illegal possession of arms and ammunition. A

van in Adare, Co Limerick.

further three are in police

After the raids, seven men were arrested and were being questioned yesterday under Section 30 of the Offences Against the State Act in police stations in Dublin and Laois.

The revelation of the bornb factory followed a four-day stake-out of the premises. Police backed by the Emergency Response Unit entered the building shortly after 7pm. Three men were arrested on the premises; the remainder were arrested in the neighbouring region and in Dublin. Police then raided a factory in the Ballymount industrial estate in west Dublin. It is understood that metal components used in the mortars were

made in the factory.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, congratulated the police and thanked the public for their co-operation. He said that the discovery of the bomb factory contradicted

kind is not an academic question, it is a very practical question of life and death," Mr Bruton said.

The last disovery of an IRA arms factory was in 1992 in manufacturing bombs, I don't Kilcock. Co Meath, when timer units, under-car bombs and incendiary devices were dis-covered. One of those involved is one of the chief IRA bombmakers and is currently serving a five-year prison term. Two years ago, 12 mortars were found in a bog in Co Longford, where they were being stored.

John Grigg, page 24



POLICE hunting the Man-chester bombers have re-city from Peterborough. chester bombers have received nearly 2,000 calls from the public. Colin Phillips, Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, said there had been possible sightings of the two hooded men who parked the truck containing the bomb in the city centre last Saturday.

Police are also analysing information about the Ford

Cambridgeshire, where it was bought the day before. Mr Phillips said he was delighted with the response from the force's appeal for

help in tracing the bombers.

Many calls had also been received about the baby-faced Irishman who handed over the £2,000 to buy the truck to

could be as much as £500 million. Store owners in the Arndale centre in the heart of the city have been told that checks for asbestos would have to be carried out before they were allowed access to their wrecked premises. The centre remains scaled off and is likely to remain closed for

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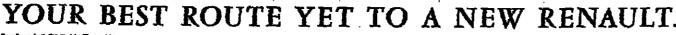


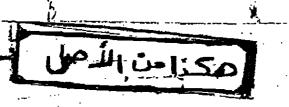












# Troops drafted in for Orange rally in Catholic area

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

ARMED troops and police mounted a massive security operation in Belfast last night amid fears of clashes between nationalists and loyalists at an Orange parade.

More than 1,000 RUC officers and troops were drafted into the Roman Catholic Cliftonville area of north Belfast after police gave approval for more than 800 Orangemen to march through the district. The RUC said that only members of the Orange Order would be allowed to march along the traditional route through the Catholic area, and insisted that loyalist support-ers of the marchers would be

forbidden. The police decision drew an angry response from nationalists in the area, who staged a demonstration against the Orange parade. John Fleming, spokesman for the Cliftonville/Antrim Road Consaid: "The RUC seem determined to force this blatantly sectarian march upon our

The SDLP also criticised the decision to allow the march to pass through the Catholic area. However, Nelson McCausland, an Ulster Unionist councillor in North

Belfast, welcomed the RUC

decision and criticised nationalists for trying to block the

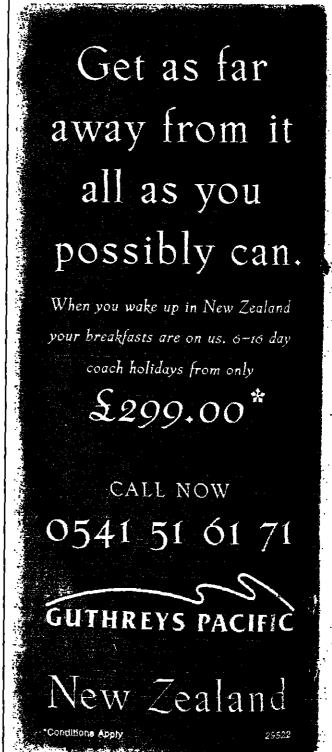
Last night's parade was one of the largest Orange parades in this year's loyalist marching season, with Orangemen from 35 Lodges in north

Belfast taking part. The biannual parade through hardline loyalist and republican areas is known as the Tour of the North. There are fears that serious

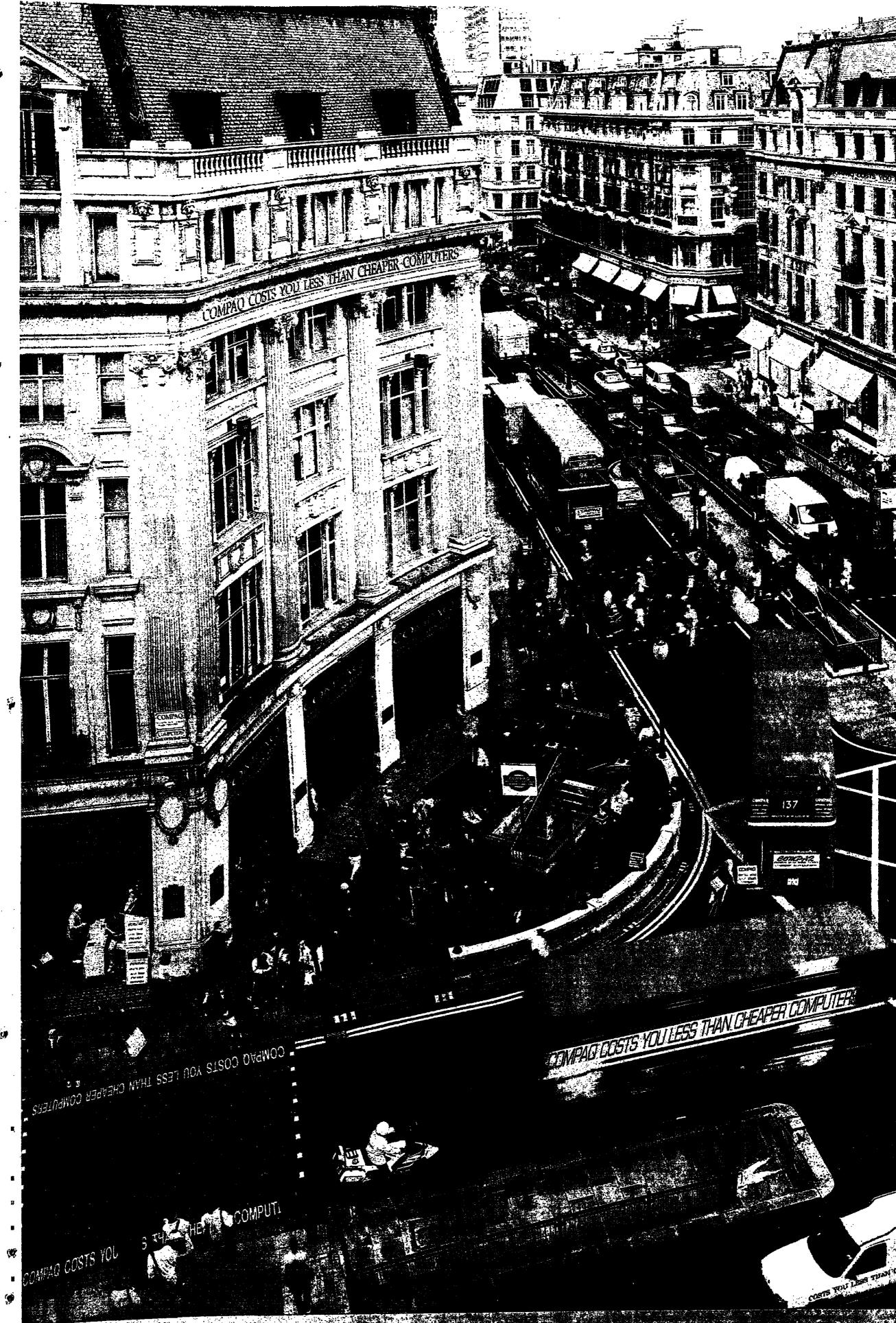
disturbances could break out during this year's marching season, in the light of the IRA's renewed terrorist campaign. The worst flashpoint is expect. ed to be in July at a parade a Drumcree, on the outskirts of Portadown, Co Armaga where loyalists clashed with the police last year.

☐ The Northern Ireland rum yesterday condemned last Saturday's IRA bombing of Manchester. The nine polit-

The session adjourned within member of the Alliance Party sat in a place allocated to the



nge rally Olic area



By CAROL MIDGLEY

LEE RYAN. the car thief who won £6.5 million on the National Lottery, left prison yesterday, announcing that his nine-month stretch behind bars had done him good and that money was no longer crucial to his life.

Mr Ryan, 32, who was met at the gates of Stafford Prison by his wife Karen and three children in the family Bentley (registration LEE 4) said he had been able to take stock of his life and assess his priorities.

Dressed in cream trousers

and top. Mr Ryan said: "It has done me a good favour. going to prison. It gave me an insight into what it's all about again. Money is not the beall and end-all - it's family.

"Good fortune isn't necessarily money — everyone who has good health has good fortune. It made me come down to the lowest common denominator. 1 now feel I could live on nothing.

Seven months after his windfall in February last year Mr Ryan was sentenced to 18 months in prison after being found guilty of han-



court was told that he and an accomplice were involved in shipping cars to Malta before selling them on.

During a 15-year life of crime Mr Ryan lived on the Braunstone council estate in Leicester. He has now moved to a £1 million mansion set in 40 acres in Osbaston. Leicestershire.

Despite huge publicity he was undaunted by the jail

prison. Yesterday as he stepped into the sunshine without the customary £30 given to released prisoners - Mr Ryan said: "I've been in jail before, since the age of 17. I know the ropes in there. The money aspect wasn't hard, but I'm used to

open spaces. The first few

days when the door banged

were very hard - the

There was camaraderie in there. There are some

good friends in there and I

will see them again." As he walked towards the car, Mrs Ryan, 36, sprang from her seat to hug him. His children followed. The family are planning a small party to celebrate.

Mr Ryan said that although he obviously did not want to return to jail, he could not rule it out. "You can лever say never — something might happen, but it is

# Judges condemn Lilley for asylum benefit cuts

HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Government suffered another humiliating defeat at the hands of the judiciary yesterday when the Court of Appeal ruled that it acted illegally in cutting welfare benefits to asylum seekers.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, was accused of exceeding his powers when he introduced benefit changes designed to save about E200 million a year.

In some of the stronges

language heard from the judi-ciary. Lord Justice Simon Brown said the withdrawal of benefits could cause destitution among asylum seekers which no civilised state could tolerate. He added: "I would hold it unlawful to alter the benefit regime so drastically as must inevitably not merely prejudice, but on occasion defeat, the statutory right of asylum seekers to claim refugee status."

By a two-one majority, the court upheld an appeal by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants which claimed that the regulations intro-duced at the beginning of February were unlawful. The council had brought the case on behalf of Miss B, aged 25, who fled to Britain after being imprisoned by security forces

The Government was given leave to appeal to the House of Lords. The new regulations will not apply until the matter

Lord Justice Simon Brown, left, said that Peter

is resolved. Ministers could overcome yesterday's setback. however, by introducing a clause to the Asylum and Immigration Bill currently in the Lords reimposing the benefit changes.

Under the new regime, refugees who fail to apply for asylum immediately on arrival in Britain are not entitled to housing benefit or income support. The benefits were also withdrawn from those appealing against a decision to refuse them asylum.

Lord Justice Simon Brown said in a written judgment that the regulations were so uncompromisingly draconian in effect that they must be ultra vires. "Parliament cannot have intended a significant number of genuine asylum seekers to be impaled on the

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horns of so intolerable a dilemma; the need either to abandon their claims to refugee status or alternatively to maintain them as best they can but in a state of utter destitution.

The judge ruled that Mr Lilley, who initially attempted to make the changes retrospec-tive, had acted unlawfully because he introduced the regulations through secondary rather than primary legislation.

Lord Justice Waite, who supported the ruling, said the effect would be to leave the vast majority of asylum seekers without even the most basic means of subsistence. The stark question that has. therefore, to be answered is whether the regulations. which deprive a very large

the basic means of sustaining life itself, have the effect of rendering their ostensible statutory right to a proper consideration of their claims in this country valueless in practice by making it not merely difficult but impossible for them to remain here to pursue those claims. The answer to the question, when it is so expressed, can only, in my

view, be yes." The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants argued that the measure put Britain in breach of its obligations to refugees under the 1951 Geneva Convention and contravened the 1989 Children Act and the UN Convention on the lights of the Child.

Roger Evans, a junior Social Security Minister, said ministers would not abandon their drive to curb benefit payments to those it believed were economic migrants rather than genuine asylum seekers. Over 90 per cent of those people who come here claiming persecution and asylum are ultimately found to be spurious applicants. They are taking advantage of the most generous welfare system in

the world. Ms B. 25, said after the case: Hopefully I will be able to apply for housing benefit and income support. If everything goes well for me, it means everything will be all right for the rest of the refugees.

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# Campaign to save 18th-century tables

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

HERITAGE groups need to raise £1 million to save a pair of princely tables for the nation and return them to Chiswick, the English Palladian house for which they

were designed in 1730.

The tables, with jewelled marble tops supported by golden sea-nymphs. Venus-shelis and garlands of Jupiter's sacred oak, were commissioned by Richard Boyle, 3rd Earl of Burlington, for the Roman villa. They will be auctioned at Christie's on July 3. The sellers are the executors and trustee of the residue funds of the late 3rd Marquess of Bute.

who died in 1993. William Kent. the architect and interior designer, looked for inspiration to Homer's Odyssey, which had been translated by Pope, in designing the King's Gallery at

Kensington Palace and the Chiswick tables. John Hardy, consultant to Christie's furniture department, said the tables were

essential to Chiswick's archi-

tecture. He explained that Lord Burlington led the movement to promote the "arts and architecture of Ancient Rome". The carving is attributed to John Boson and Giovanni Battista Guelfi.

A spokeswoman for English Heritage, which owns the property, said: These tables are of world-class importance and we would dearly love to see them restored to Chiswick House. We are conscious that the usual grant-giving bodies are under a lot of pressure."

George Levy, a trustee of the London Historic House Museums Trust, said: "They ought to go back to Chiswick and remain in the country for the house for which they were made. Ultimately, there'll be a case for the National Heritage Memorial Fund, the National Art Collections Fund and the London Historic House Museums Trust to support whatever application comes in from English Heritage."

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# Helpful Advice From Dr Vernon Coleman

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# Homebuyers strike a bargain as the market takes off

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

THE upture in the housing market was given a further lift yesterday by the sale of 35 homes in two hours. Potential buyers had queued for four days to stake a claim to one of the bungalows on the former RAF base at Sculthorpe in

The lucky few who managreed that they had snapped up the bargain of a lifetime. he reason for all the interest is that they are cheap. They represent very, very good val-ue for money." Andrea Wilson, of the estate agents William H. Brown, said.

The new owners, mostly young first-time buyers, paid from £22,000 to £27,000 for the ex-servicemen's quarters on a first-come-first-served basis. The concrete houses were built in the 1950s and sold off when RAF Sculthorpe, which was occupied by American forces, was decommissioned

in 1992. They were bought by Brunswick Homes, which gave them a facelist and planted thousands of trees on the 217-acre site. Similar bargains are becoming harder to find. New

figures show that prices of country houses and cottages have risen by 5 per cent over the past six months across Britain and by 12 per cent in the South East. The survey, by

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the agents Knight Frank. shows an increase in the number of buyers in the market as well as a fall in the supply of properties. It follows a survey by the Royal Institu-tion of Chartered Surveyors that found 70 per cent of agents in London and the Home Counties were reporting an upward trend in prices. The increase is being fuelled

by tax cuts, rising wages and falling mortgage rates, according to Rupert Sweeting of Knight Frank. He identified the return of the British buyer in the £1 million bracket. "A year ago, 60 per cent of houses over £1 million went to international buyers. Now 65 per cent of buyers in that category are British."

His colleague, Patrick Ramsay, said: "A lot of people have sold and are now renting. They are just unable to find the house they want because there is so little available. Good property that comes on to the market is often snapped up before details are even orinted."

His sentiments were echoed by Nicholas Taylor of Mann & Co, which specialises in country homes in the Home Counties. "We just can't get enough properties to satisfy demand."



Untouched by the years: Hedley, left, and Robert Wilding today and with vintage vehicles in the 1970s

# Battle to save the garage stalled in the vintage years of motoring

VINTAGE car enthusiasts are rallying to prevent bureaucrats from trying to close the petrol station that time forgot.
Since 1922 the Wilding family has sold fuel on a sleepy C road in the Herefordshire countryside. Generations of locals have pulled into the West End Garage at Turnastone, on the Michaelchurch Escley to Vowchurch road in the Golden Valley, where they know they will be greeted with personal service from the owner, Hedley Wilding, a 78-year-old great-grandlather, or his son, Robert, 48.

The petrol station still sells fuel by the gallon, measured on a clockface dial on an upright pump. West End has become a mecca for vintage car enthusiasts. keen to have their cars photographed filling up at a garage unchanged since

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green petrol pump has an enamelled metal sign advertising "Raleigh — the All-Steel Bicycle". That was put up in

1937 to celebrate Raleigh's jubilee.

Modern fuels such as unleaded petrol and diesel have never been sold, and currently only four-star is available, at £2.98 a gailon, the equivalent of 55p a litre. Plants sit on top of the single petrol pump still in use. Its partner, which used to sell three-star mixture, is already out of commission, and the survivor will soon join it if Hereford and Worcester fire service gets its way. Fire prevention officers say the pump breaches safety standards.

Hedley Wilding said yesterday: These people are a bloody nuisance. We have been selling petrol here since 1922 and have never had a fire or an accident. Now they want to close us

down, but we will not go down without

a fight."
The fire service opposed the renewal of the garage's licence because it is in breach of guidelines which say pumps should be more than 4.25 metres from a public highway. But the Wildings say the guidelines are not mandatory and

are appealing against the move. A hearing will take place on July 3.

A spokesman for the county council said: "It is a situation where there is a risk to the public and the fire service have had to take action."

But almost 1,000 signatures have been collected on a petition to save the garage. Roger Collings. of nearby Thruxton, a past president of the Vintage Sports Car Club, said: "You get excellent service there, and you can knock Hedley up at any time of day or night and get petrol when you need it."

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# Earl sells land to pay death duties

THE Earl of Stradbroke is to sell a third of the family estate to raise £3 million to pay death duties owing since he inherited the title 13 years ago. Lord Stradbroke, 59, who

lives in Australia with his 15 children and a large herd of Aberdeen Angus, will dispose of 1,050 acres, three farmhouses and sporting rights to

800 acres at Henham, Suffolk. The 6th Earl, who likes to be known as Keith, was summoned from the Outback in 1983 to take over the estate when his father, the 5th Earl, died at the age of 76 within days of inheriting the title from an elder brother, the 80the 2,500-acre Henham Park estate, designed by Repton.

"I have decided to sell because we've still got to pay the 1983 death duties from when my uncle and father died." he said from his 60,000acre farm near Darlington. Victoria. "The Government in England does like to go after death duties. I hope we would

make about £3 million." Lord

Stradbroke was educated at Harrow and emigrated to Australia aged 19. His Who's Who entry lists his recreations as "making babies". He said he was happy to continue living in Australia with his wife, Roseanna, a former head girl of Sherborne.

"I've got 15 children from two marriages and we all get along very well. I haven't been to England for three years and I've got no plans to leave Australia. We're very busy with the farm here. Fortunately, "mad cow" disease hasn't reached us yet," he added.

The Rous family, baronets since the 17th century and mayed in 1988 when Lord Stradbroke sold off eight generations of family silver. Further plans to convert the estate to a nudist camp were quietly

dropped after local opposition. The arable land, mainly in the parishes of Wangford, Uggeshall and Sotherton, is to be sold as a whole or in 21 lots by informal tender. The agent

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Ellis Martín. 47, who smug-gled nearly nine million cans of extra-strong lager, will serve a further four years in initial the days

jail if he does not repay the £3.3 million he is estimated to

have made from the contra-

He was sentenced to six

years and ten months by the Old Bailey yesterday, after being convicted in April on

five charges of evading duty

and VAT. Making the order

for confiscation of assets, Judge Pearlman said she did

not accept Martin's claim that

he had only £1.3 million in

The father of two, who used

front company and forged

paperwork to flood the coun-

try with super-strength lager,

Jumbo jet

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By Harvey Elliott

MORE than 300 Virgin Atlan-

tic passengers were stranded

in San Francisco for more than 48 hours after their Boeing 747 twice developed

Flight VS20 had just taken

off on Wednesday evening with 360 passengers on board

to fly to Heathrow when the

pilot reported a problem with the air conditioning and said that it would have to return to

San Francisco. By the time the

fault had been repaired the

crew had exceeded their permitted working hours and Virgin had no option but to

check passengers into an ho-

Virgin found room for 27

business-class passengers on

the following day's flight and a few more were switched to

rival airlines. Some 320 passengers, however, were

As the repaired jet was

taxiing to the runway that

afternoon it suffered a second fault, this time in an engine.

and the pilot again had to

return to the gate and let off

the passengers. They were again put up in an hotel. Efforts by Virgin Atlantic

staff to charter another air-

craft in America proved fruit-

less. Yesterday they were

searching for an aircraft in

Europe as passengers who had been due in Heathrow at

10.30am on Thursday were

A Virgin spokesman said last night: "We are very sorry

indeed about this series of unfortunate delays. But the

safety of our passengers is an

absolute priority, so we had no

option but to put them up in

the best possible accommoda-

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had a string of luxury cars and he let and a warehouse, were properties. At his trial at Southwark Crown Court the jury was told that he had paid E100,000 in cash for two Mercedes sports cars and £1 million for five properties including his house in South-

gate, north London. Other properties, including a wine bar, two houses which

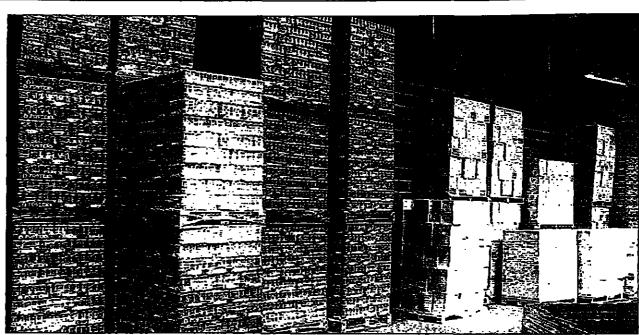
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used to launder the large sums Martin made from selling the beer to cash-and-carry outlets. He was caught by a joint undercover operation by English and French police and Customs and Excise investigators. They worked under the name Operation Jeroboam.

During the 11-week trial,

was told that Martin ran an import and export company called E.A. Martin & Co Ltd., based in Dagenham, east London. Describing himself as a commodity broker, Martin specialised in buying soft drinks and beers from abroad and selling them in the home market. A front company was set up in Calais to create thousands of pages of bogus documentation to avoid pay-ment of British import duty, which is ten times that of France. By the time of his arrest in June 1994, 200 lorry loads of beer had been

James White, 49, a manager of a bonded warehouse in Kent, pretended that the beer was destined for his ware-house when in reality it was to be sold to cash-and-carries. Last month White, of High Halstow, Kent, was jailed for four years for his part in what Judge Pearlman called a "massive" fraud. He had £20,000 confiscated and was



Part of Martin's haul of nine million cans of extra-strength lager, which cost the Inland Revenue £5 million

banned from being a company director for seven years. Martin carried out the main beer fraud in 1993-94 while he was on bail awaiting sentence

for an earlier offence of avoiding £180,000 of VAT and excise duty on soft drinks and beer. For that offence he was given a 240-hour community service order and a £125,000 confisca-

Sentencing Martin yesterday, who was banned from being a company director for ten years, Judge Pearlman said he had perpetrated "a quite deliberate fraud on all decent citizens of this country to a massive extent". Refusing to believe claims that his assets totalled only £1.3 mil-

lion, she said: "I do not accept

figures set out by his accoun-

tants. He received a great deal of money in a very short space of time. I draw the inference that he has assets somewhere under his control."

Martin's girlfriend and personal assistant, Julie Court, 27, of Palmers Green, north London, was cleared at an earlier hearing of charges relating to the preparation of the bogus paperwork.

A Customs and Excise spokesman said afterwards that Martin's trial had been the largest "bootlegging" case brought to court. Martin's extravagant tastes included eating at top restaurants and buying Savile Row suits. "He enjoyed the good life. He was the type of man who lived life to the full," the spokesman

#### Remand in 29-year-old murder

A man accused of murdering a former Grenadier Guardsman 29 years ago was remanded in custody by Horseferry Road magis-trates in London yesterday. Arthur Jackson, 60, who was extradited from America, was charged with murdering Anthony Fletcher, 33, in Chelsea in 1967, with wounding a bank employee and with three armed robberies.

#### Brothel inquiry

The independent inquiry into a claim that police officers used the home of the serial killer Frederick West as a The report of the investigation by a team from West Mercia Police is with the Police Complaints Authority.

#### Police chief

The new Chief Constable of the West Midlands force is to be Edward Crew, presently in charge at Northamptonshire. Mr Crew, 50, who is married with two adult children, will take over next month from Sir Ron Hadfield, who is to

#### Ouango ads

The National Heritage Department is to advertise for the first time for people to serve on its quangos. Virginia Bottomley said in a Commons written reply that she had commissioned advertisements in The Sunday Times this weekend.

#### Sunblock recall

Thousands of bottles of Sun E45 sunblock lotions are being recalled after some products were found to be faulty and others were wrongly packaged. The brand is made by a company owned by Boots but is on sale

#### Saved by skates

A boy was saved from death when he was electrocuted while playing near a railway line because of his new roller skates, doctors said. The rubber wheels provided insul-ation when Kristoffer Cavan, 12. of Dumbarton, Strathclyde, was hit by 25,000 volts. NOT one of the herd. Jeep Cherokee Sport.

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all creation and as the only one to

#### Searching for the invisible – and finding it everywhere bed and attempting to bargain with God: "If only you would their minds could not conceive how I was present in one dimension but not in another, so our

SOME years ago when my child-ren were very young. I left home early for a live broadcast before they had woken. They came into our bedroom just as I began to speak on the radio. They couldn't understand where I was. They could hear my voice yet could not see me. They pulled back the duvet, looked under the bed and opened the wardrobe. When my wife said I was in the radio, they gave her a look of incomprehension that children reserve for adults whom they believe have taken leave of the real world. I was there, yet I wasn't. Just as

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intellects can fail to grasp the mystery of Christ being absent and present. He who ascended into Heaven to be with the Father and absented himself physically from the face of the Earth is also the one whose invisible, spiritual and ubiquitous presence is celebrated by followers.

The fact that we cannot see Him is one of the challenges of faith. The invisibility of God makes it difficult for some to believe. I remember as a teenager lying in

appear to me, then I would really be sure." As we wrestle with this question, a number of reflections are worth considering. First, the invisibility of God is as much a part of His nature as is the invisibility of the wind and the visibility of matter. Secondly, the fact that He is Spirit whom we cannot see or touch means that He is not confined to our three dimensions and can be with all people all the time. Thirdly and

importantly, the invisibility of

God creates a distance between us

Credo

By James Jones

and Him where we find our own freedom and space to relate to Him. Distance is important to all relationships, for it is in that space that we reflect and appreciate the person we are getting to know. On Monday we celebrate the

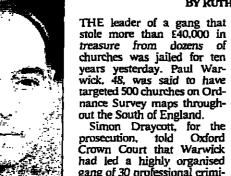
It is this Spirit with whom he is always at one, yet from whom he remains distinct, that Jesus is both driven by and drives. It is this birth of John the Baptist who contrasted his own ministry of Spirit, adventurous and unpredictable, whom Jesus promises

"will glorify me". The intent and it focuses on Jesus as the agent of ness of sins with that of his cousin Jesus who "will baptise with the Holy Spirit". The first engage the nature of the Spirit's ministry is to enlarge our understanding of Jesus and to fatten our souls ment that Jesus has with the Spirit through delighting in him. This is is in the womb of his mother Mary, the second is in the river Jordan when he hears the affirmation of his Father's love, the third when he is driven into the wilderness to face the challenge of

one of the contradictions of the charismatic movement, with its proper emphasis on the onceneglected doctrines of the Holy Spirit. The purpose of the Spirit is not to draw attention to the Spirit. but self-effacingly to celebrate the significance of Jesus.

In this season of Pentecost, it is worth reflecting that the true measure of any movement of the Holy Spirit is the extent to which

# Gang removed treasures from unlocked churches



Crown Court that Warwick had led a highly organised gang of 30 professional criminals who effectively destroyed part of the nation's heritage. He had taken advantage of the open door" policy of churches to walk in and take what he wanted over a period of eight months. He had sold irreplaceable religious artefacts to

they had been in his family for

Warwick had concentrated on Gothic, Norman and Saxon churches because their contents were more valuable. Where the church doors were locked. Mr Draycott said, he had sought out the key holder and posed as a visitor who

wanted to pray. Among churches robbed were those in Tring, Hertfordshire, Littlebury, Essex, Alderbury, Wiltshire, and Ascott-under-Wychwood, Thame, Burford, Enstone and Dorchester and Wiggington, all in Oxfordshire. Items stolen included oak side-tables and altar tables, hand-carved chairs, beautifully inlaid boxes, candlesticks, prayer books,

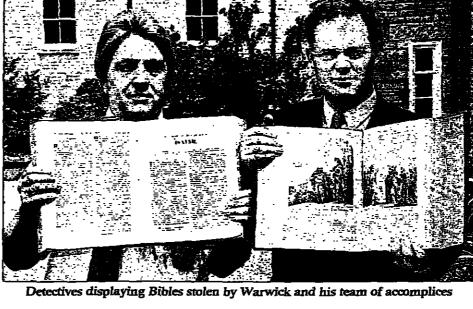
Bibles, carved angels and a

large number of chests.

In a theft from St John the Baptist Church in Burford in April 1994, a £1,000 15thcentury chair had been stolen. A heavy chain securing it to a pew had been cut. Warwick had told an antique dealer in west London that the chair had been in his grandmother's loft for 40 years.
The court was told that

Warwick admitted handling a wooden bench worth £1,500, an altar table, an oak chair and a pair of candlesticks from Holy Trinity Church in

Some pieces had been stolen to order: photographs taken of items in Dorchester Abbey



viewed by a potential buyer. Mr Draycott said the stolen items could not be properly valued because so many had been in the churches for hundreds of years and were priceless. "By stealing from so many churches up and down

the land. Warwick and his accomplices have partly destroyed the country's heritage.
"The targets were vulnerable, his victims. easy targets because they were

Oxford, had been arrested after a report from a neighbour. Mr Draycott said: "Warwick was interviewed over a number of days. He said he had stolen property from literally hun-dreds of churches, property that had been in the churches for hundreds of years.

"He talked about how he stole. He never broke in. The doors were always open. He worked with a team, dealing with stolen property for about two years. He said he was more confident being dishonest than trying not to be

David Hughes, for War-wick, said: "He has a serious personality disorder. He is

depressed and ashamed at the way he has treated many of Warwick admitted taking

part with others in a £7,000 robbery at an antique shop in west London and eight other offences of theft or handling stolen property. He asked for 51 other offences to be considered.

Jailing him, Judge May said: "These offences amounted to an organised campaign which you and others mounted against churches in the South of England. It is not only the scale of loss, in many cases the goods irreplacable."

After the case Brian King. spokesman of the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, said: "The criminal today can be dressed in a smart suit and carry a clipboard, or wear overalls and a plastic helmet. Suspicion has got to become

#### Theologian challenges changes to liturgy

BY RUTH GLEDHILL :

A CHURCH scholar will urge the Church of England leaders today to resist pressure from the feminist lobby to amend its

liturgical language.

Dr Roger Beckwith, librarian of Latimer House, Oxford, which promotes theological research, argues that the Church is currently vulnerable to pressure groups because it is numerically and financial ly weak. "In a time of weakness, when rigorous theological analysis is regarded as harsh, appeasement is the order of the day." he is to tell the Prayer Book Society, in the City of London.

The Church's General Synod is next month to debate a report recommending revisions to its service for Holy Communion in the 1980 Alternative Service Book, with the words "fellow men" in the confession being amended to neighbour". In the eucharistic prayer, "It is right to give Him thanks and praise" would become: "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

Dr Beckwith will challenge the claim that women feel excluded by language dominated by masculine terms. "If they do, it is strange that they attend church in so much better numbers than men."

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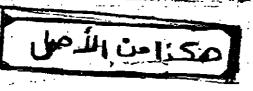
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### Family history contradicts Sir Walter Scott's account of inspiration for Bannockburn

# Document debunks legend of Bruce and the try-again spider

ONE of Scotland's most powerful legends, that of Robert the Bruce and the persistent spider, has been debunked. A new exhibition suggests it was one of Bruce's officers who witnessed the incident rather than the King.

According to the legend Bruce defeated by the English and in low spirits, was in hiding. He watched a spider make six fruitless attempts to climb a web, succeeding at the seventh. The spider's determination is said to have inspired

him to victory against Edward 11 at Bannockburn in 1314. The legend first appeared in Sir Walter Scott's Tales of a Grandfather published in the late 1820s. However, an exhibition at the Scottish Record Office in Edinburgh suggests

that Scott got it wrong. It was Bruce's general, Sir James Douglas - Good Sir James to the Scots, the Black Douglas to the English - who witnessed the spider's struggle. The exhibition on Scottish

independence includes a copy



The legend of Bruce and the plucky spider was publicised by Sir Walter Scott in the 1820s

Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, a descendent of Douglas, that tells the history of the Douglas family. It was written by Hume of Godscroft more than 200 years before the account given by Scott.

The document tells how, during the winter of 1307, while sheltering in the Hebrides after defeat, Bruce is discussing his plans with his generals. To encourage him in his fight against the English, Douglas tells him of a spider he has seen.

"Sir I being somewhat solitarie in the fields seriouslie contemplating of your affaires and casting my eyes aboutt, ! spied a spider clymbing by his webb to the height of an trie. and at 12 several times I perceived his web broke, and the spider fel to the ground.

"But the 13 tyme he attempted and clambe up the tree without difficultie. Soe Sir, although fortune hath shewn hir self adverse towards you in 12 severall battles and encounters whereby your Majestie is driven to this exigence, as to take the Hebrides for your refuge, My advise is to follow the example of the spider, to poush forward your Majes-

Robert the Bruce depicted preparing his men for victory in the battle against Edward II at Bannockburn in 1314

ties' fortune once more, and hazard yet our persones the 13

It was Douglas, Bruce's greatest captain, who carried out Bruce's dying wish by carrying his embalmed heart into battle against the Moors in Spain, where Douglas himself was slain.

Hume of Godscroft's account was written more than two centuries after Bruce's death. Alison Rosie, of the Scottish Records Office, said that historians and academics were familiar with his account

time the document had been displayed publicly.
"The reputation of Robert the Bruce is coming under

scrutiny and interest has been stimulated by films such as Braveheart and The Bruce. but there are historical inaccuracies and this gives people a chance to discover for themselves the part he played."

Professor Geoffrey Barrow, formerly of Edinburgh University and an authority on Robert the Bruce, said: "The

the monkey. It led them to the

Rio Madeira basin, where

marmoset living near by.
Dr Noronha said: They

said there was a guy on the

other side of the river who

but believed it was the first known among historians. Scott thought the story too good to miss and incorporated into his popular account of

Robert the Bruce." He believes it unlikely that either Bruce or Douglas witnessed the spider. "It is one of those characteristic improving stories which we like to tell of our great heroes. The Victorians weren't troubled about whether Scott attributed his sources. It is a bit like Holiywood scriptwriters today."

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, the Scottish Office Min-

ister and younger brother of the Duke of Hamilton, said yesterday: "I don't think it much matters who saw the spider first. What matters is the principle of try, try and try again which they both very much believed in.

"I think the story shows how close the two men were. Sir James fought 59 battles against the English and won 53 of them, the most famous being Bannockburn where he played a key role."

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#### **Examiners** call new L-test strike

Driving examiners are to strike on a second day next week, throwing tests into confusion. The Friday date was called by the Public Service, Tax and Commerce Union after pay talks with the Driving Standards Agency broke down. Union members are already

due to strike next Wednesday. About 15,000 learner drivers face the prospect of having to sit the new written section of the driving test, which comes into operation on July 1.

#### Kites fly again

Residents of Glasgow may soon see red kites, a century after the birds were wiped out in Scotland by gamekeepers. Twenty birds flown into Glasgow from Germany will be released into the region in six weeks, after their successful return to the Highlands.

#### Whisky warning

Trading standards officers have issued a warning over bogus whisky being sold in Leeds pubs. The litre bottles, labelled as Royal Game Finest Blended Scotch and selling for £7, contain diluted methylated spirit with colouring. Drinking it could cause blindness.

#### Dental complaint

The parents of a girl who died after receiving routine dental treatment lodged a complaint against the anaesthetist, Dr Tatas Kumar Basoo, with the General Medical Council. An inquest in Derby returned a verdict of accidental death on Katie Dougal, 10.

#### Bat woman baby

A woman bitten by a rabid bat earlier this month has given birth to a healthy girl. Sheila Wright, who runs a bat sanctuary at her home in Shoreham, Sussex, still has to complete rabies inoculations. The baby, called Sophie, will not need treatment.

#### Rape remand

A man charged with raping a 16-year-old girl at a beauty spot was remanded in custody for a week by Portsmouth magistrates. Dion Challis, 23. of Havant is accused of the assault at Havant Thicket on Monday night. He also faces a

# Unknown monkey saved from poachers in Brazilian rainforest

By Nick Nuttall, environment correspondent

A NEW species of monkey. nicknamed Zip by South American Indians because of its size and speed, has been found by scientists in the rainforests of Brazil. The monkey, orange-haired and about the size of squirrel, was rescued from poachers.

Researchers, called in to catalogue the captured animals, realised that among them was a new species of

It has been given the Latin name Callithrix saterei after the Satere tribe on whose land, between the Tapajós

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key lives. Sir Robert May, Professor of Zoology at Oxford University and Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government, said yesterday: "It is like finding a new planet of the Sun."

The discovery showed how nature still had much more to reveal, he said. "It underlines how far behind we are in this area of science. We have a better idea of how many molecules there are in the Universe than how many species there are on Earth." Dr Kenneth Mittermeier,

president of Conservation

and a leading authority on monkeys, said: "It is pretty exciting. You'd think because primates are our closest relatives we would have found all the species by now."

The discovery, published in the journal Goeldiana. has been made by two Brazilian scientists, Mauricio de Almeida Norohona, of the Amazon Forest Foundation, and José de Sousa e Silva of the Goeldi Museum in Belem. The monkey was discov-

ered after a crackdown by the Brazilian Government on poachers. Dr Norohona was and Madeira rivers, the mon- International in Washington called in but was unable to poachers and river-boat cap- find. More than 140 species calling all cats cheetahs:



place the marmoset and asked Dr Sousa e Silva for help. He

confirmed that the animal was a new species. The two scientists then tried to piece together from the

had a Zip. It was a very emotional experience. We went to visit the guy and when he came out to greet us he had the monkey on his head."

The find is the sixth new

primate species to be discovered in Brazil in as many years. In 1992 another marmoset, called Maues marmoset, was found in an area of forest not far from the latest of monkey are now known to science. Frank Wheeler, head keep-

er of small mammals at London Zoo, said yesterday: local people described such a There are still so many parts of Brazil, right in the heart of the rainforest, that we have not been to yet. And as we go deeper into the rainforest these things turn up. There are more to come, I am sure of

He said it was probable that the Indian nickname Zip was not specific to this species, but generic term used by the indians for all marmosets. They are all incredibly fast and agile. It is like Arabs



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# Clinton usurps Reagan's Teflon crown to defy Republican mud-slinging

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BILL CLINTON is usurping the title "Teflon President" from Ronald Reagan. New opinion polls suggest that very little of the mud thrown at Mr Clinton in the past two weeks has stuck. He maintains a commanding national lead over Bob Dole, his Republican presidential challenger, and also remains far ahead in key electoral states.

Indeed, his approval rating has

The figures baffle political experts. Stephen Hess, of the Brookings Institution, believes they reveal that voters consider the economy more important than the President's reputation. Ross Baker, of Rutgers University, suggests that character cuts little ice because voters knew Mr Clinton was no saint when they elected him. Yesterday's Gallup poli for CNN

day. His approval rating has risen five points since May to a record 58 and USA Today showed that voters overwhelmingly consider Mr Dole to be more honest and moral than Mr Clinton, with 57 per cent believing that the White House improperly acquired FBI files on Republican officials. The same number believe Hillary Clinton is guilty of a Whitewater cover-up.

But the poll also gives Mr

Clinton a 19-point lead over Mr

Dole, just one point down on a poll

in The Washington Post on Thurs-

per cent, and respondents consider him more in tune with their needs and values than is Mr Dole. The latest state polls are just as dispiriting for Mr Dole, who enjoyed a brief "bounce" after resigning from the Senate on June

11. Mr Clinton enjoys leads of 33 points in New York, 23 in Califor-

nia and 13 in Florida. He has even

pulled level with Mr Dole in Texas.

A Dole spokesman said the public had yet to absorb the latest scandals besetting the White House. But a Clinton campaign spokesman countered that voters realised the President was working for the national good despite Republican attacks. The scandals, perversely, have stolen the limelight from Mr Dole.

consecutive presidential elections.

Ross Perot's new Reform Party

problems by announcing convention plans that seem designed to divert media attention from the Republican convention. The Reform Party convention will open in Long Beach. California, on August 11, a day before the Republican event 120 miles away in San Diego.

After a day of speeches to nominate its presidential candidates, the Reform Party's convention will recess while members vote reconvene a week later in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to announce the result

Perot spokesmen deny that they are trying to upstage the Republicans. They say the dates are mandated by state deadlines for submitting the names of nominees. So far only Mr Perot and Richard Lamm, Colorado's former Governor, have emerged as possible

Reform Party contenders.

# 'Three-strikes' law ruled illegal by California court

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

IN A unanimous decision, the California Supreme Court in San Francisco has ruled that the "three-strikes-and-you'reout" law is unconstitutional and said judges need no longer refer to previous convictions when sentencing.

The retroactive decision is

likely to cause turmoil in the state's courts. An estimated 16,000 Californians sentenced in the past two years can now

Under the "three-strikes" legislation passed by Califor-nia in 1994, criminals convicted for a second time have had sentences doubled. More dramatically, anyone with two serious or violent convictions has been jailed for 25 years to life for any third offence unless the prosecution approved a

Yesterday's decision gave judges a choice as to whether to implement "three strikes" and provoked a barrage of criticism in the Golden State from leading Republicans and victims' relatives, who called on the electorate to vent its anger at the mainly Republican court.

Supporters of "three strikes" believe it has cut the state's crime rate and they accuse the court of protecting its own turf rather than the population at large. Pete Wilson, the Repub-

lican Governor, said the ruling, written by one of his own appointees, was "potentially dangerous to public safety". He added: "We cannot tolerate a situation which permits judges who are philosophicaly unsympathetic or politically disinclined to 'three strikes' to reduce the strong sentences that the voters intended to

impose on habitual crimi-He promised to help to pass amendments to restore a tougher sentencing mandate. The court's decision derived from a San Diego case in which Jesus Romero, a repeat

offender, was charged with cocaine possession. When a superior court judge attempted to drop Romero's previous convictions so that he could

#### Move to ban chain gangs

Montgomery: A proposed legal settlement between jail inmates, prison officials and Fob James, the Republican Governor of Alabama, would ban chain gangs, reintroduced in the state last year, a plaintiffs' attorney said. A US magistrate must approve the deal. (Reuter)

plea bargain, prosecutors said the judge lacked the right to do now ruled that to be an unconstitutional infringement

of judicial powers. Opponents of "three strikes", who have long argued that the law clogged courts and trapped petty criminals instead of habitual offenders, praised the independence of the seven judges.
"We're delighted," said Ramona Ripston of the American Civil Liberties Union. "If you take sentencing discretion away from a judge, you may

as well use a computer." The law was passed in reaction to the 1993 case of Polly Klaas, 12, who was kidnapped and murdered by Richard Davis, a convict on parole. Immediate anger was directed at the courts for allowing Davis, sentenced to death this week, to walk free.

But the "three-strikes" law has proved increasingly controversial in America, where its implementation has varied wildly from state to state. For many, its apparent absurdity was epitomised last year when Jerry Williams, a warehouse packer from Los Angeles with previous convictions for robbery and attempted robbery. was jailed for 25 years for stealing a slice of pizza.



President Clinton applauds as the Olympic flame is lit on the White House lawn: hours later it was out

# President's Olympic flame a wash-out

By Martin Fletcher

WAS it an omen? The Olympic flame spent the night on the South Lawn of the White House — and was extinguished by a rainstorm. President Clinton had wel-

comed the torch to the executive mansion at 10pm on Thursday and helped to light

a mini-cauldron that was to have burned through the night. But barely had the crowds departed than the skies opened. This was the third time it had gone out since it left Los Angeles 57 days ago for a 15,000-mile odyssey through 42 states that will end in Atlanta's Olympic stadium on July 19. It was extinguished once in Washington State when the cyclist who was carrying it fell off. and again on the great plains when a Pony Express rider's stirrup broke. Fortunately, the presidential-sized motorcade escorting the flame across

America carries four separate

"mother flames" which are

guarded by a team of 50

Georgia state troopers, and is secured each night in a hotel

Mr Clinton, who hopes the Olympics will boost him as much as the 1984 Games helped President Reagan, hosted another elaborate South Lawn ceremony yesterday morning to send the

#### **UN** group forecasts famine in **Africa**

FROM REUTER IN ROME

ABOUT 22 million people in sub-Saharan Africa face food emergencies ranging from shortages to starvation, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation reported yesterday.

The Rome-based agency added in a special feature in its Food Outlook that the situation in the region showed no signs of improvement. It said tight global cereal supplies, high prices, balance of payments difficulties in many countries and low availability of food aid "threaten to under mine sub-Saharan Africa's

food security".

On a brighter note, the report said Ethiopia, one of the main recipients of international aid over the past decade, would need smaller amounts of aid imports this year. Angola, Mozambique and Rwanda were also gradually beginning to reap the rewards of peace.

International cereal supplies had shrunk and prices had risen by more than 50 per cent this year, although the organisation forecast 1996 output up by 6.5 per cent on 1995 figures. "Indications for the 1996 cereal crops continue to point to a recovery in world production after the sharply reduced harvest last year, but the global supply/demand sit-uation will remain tight," the report said.

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# Britain angered by Saudi rebel's call to annihilate Jews

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

MICHAEL HOWARD, the Home Secretary, has asked the Crown Prosecution Service to look at a call for the "annihilation" of Jews, published by a Saudi dissident given temporary asylum in

Muhammad al-Masari's call, which was made in a newsletter. al-Hugug, has caused outrage among MPs, Jewish organisations and antiracist groups, and has prompted the Board of Deputies of British Jews to call on the police and Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, to take action against him.

The Board of Deputies said the remarks were tantamount to "incitement to murder". Dr Masari told the Jewish Chronicle that he was referring only to Jews living in Israel.

The dissident physicist, who headed the anti-Saudi Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights until he was ousted after a quarrel with other Saudi exiles, wrote in the weekly newsletter: "Jews are a nation of cowards. They are not a people capable of warfare. Their annihilation is not difficult for Muslims. God has declared that they will be under subjugation to those who will afflict them with the most severe punishment until the day of resurrection because of their rejection of

His message."
He added: "The extermination of the Jews is a specific obligation placed on the people of Palestine, Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon because they have occupied

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Fighting talk: part of the article accusing Jews of being cowards

their land." He said that Islamic law imposed an obligation to "destroy the lewish entity and annihilate it from its roots through holy war".

The Crown Prosecutor has been asked to decide whether these remarks breach public order or race relations laws. A spokesman said they were considering if there were grounds for prosecution.

If Dr Masari were prosecuted, that would not necessarily lead to his expulsion. However, Mr Howard, whose attempt to deport him to



Masari: remarks could

Dominica was thwarted by the courts, may decide to abrogate Dr Masari's special permission to remain in Britain for the next four years.

MPs have expressed anger at Dr Masari's remarks. Winston Churchill accused him of abusing the hospitality of this country"

Dr Masari's newsletters and faxed attacks on the Saudi Royal Family strained relations between London and Riyadh, but the Saudis have now signalled that they will ignore Dr Masari's activities. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, is travelling to

Saudi Arabia on July 2 for talks with King Fahd and Saudi leaders. He is likely to seek assurances that no British business has suffered because of the Masari affair. He may also see whether there is Saudi interest in buying the British replacement for the Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft. Britain has to decide in the next ten days whether to buy this or either of the two American competitors.

A Muslim group in Britain vesterday denounced British condemnation of Dr Masari's remarks, saying that the physicist was a "mild-natured man of intense integrity". The Bangladeshi Muslim Literary Circle said that foreign-owned sections of the media, "heavily infested by Zionist extremists", were labelling any Muslim a terrorist or fanatic, and were demonising Islam. They said Dr Masari was doing no more than reproducing verses



Iraq's main biological weap-ons factory, 40 miles from Baghdad, is reduced to rubble. The picture of the explosion, released yesterday, is from a video recording made by the United Nations'

UN blows up germ plant

who are disarming lraq. The Al-Hakam complex which ... produced germ

20-strong team of experts warfare weapons, no longer exists," said a member of the team, which began its work in mid-May and is due to

leave today. The factory, the be destroyed by the team, covered seven square miles. Iraqis provided the work-

### Israel rethinks pledge to quit Hebron

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM AND MARK HUBAND IN CAIRO

ON THE eve of the emergency Arab summit in Cairo, ministers from Israel's new rightwing Government met yesterday to consider proposals for watering down the commitment to withdraw from Hebron and keep security control over the occupied Palestinian city in Israeli hands.

The plan could have explosive results among the 120.000-strong Palestinian

yesterday pelted Israeli vehicles with rocks and bottles. The proposals are also expected to strengthen the hands of hardliners at the Cairo summit calling for a tough reaction to the election of Binyamin Netanyahu. In Egypt's strongest reac-

population, some of whom

tion so far Amr Moussa, the Foreign Minister, said expansion of Jewish settlements in

the West Bank by Israel's Likud Government would be illegal, and urged Mr Netanyahu to reconsider what he called "threatening" Israeli guidelines.

Palestinian officials say that they view withdrawal from Hebron as a test of the new Government's stated commitment to peace. Hebron is the last of the seven West Bank cities due to be handed over to

Palestinian control under the terms of the 1993 peace deal. Netanyahu and including senior army commanders proceeded in Jerusalem, leaders of the 450 settlers who live in the centre of Hebron under fortress-style conditions claimed to have received a pledge from Mr Netanyahu

As the talks chaired by Mr last week that he would not

# Botswana

### builds up arsenal

Johannesburg: An arms build-up by Botswana is caus-ing concern among neigh-bouring countries (Ray Kennedy writes). The acquisitions include tanks and a squadron

of fighter bombers. Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, has announced a visit to the region next month. The arms buying spree includes 50 Germanmade Leopard tanks from The Netherlands. Bonn is trying to block the purchase.

#### **Euthanasia** law challenged

Sydney: A last-minute chall-enge by Australia's Medical Association to euthanasia laws will be heard on July 1. the day the new legislation is due to take effect (Roger Maynard writes). If successful, the challenge would prevent the world's first legalised voluntary euthansia killings from being carried out.

#### **Burgers** get the brush-off

Paris: McDonald's has scrapped plans for a restaurant in a building where Picasso and other masters bought their brushes and oils in the French capital's historic Montparnasse district after a protest rally and more than 16,000 people signed petitions against the scheme. (AP)

#### Mengistu is expensive guest

Harare: Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, the former Ethiopian dictator charged with genocide, has reportedly cost the Zimbabwean taxpayer nearly £650,000 in upkeep and security during his almost four years in exile here (Jan Raath writes).

#### Jam for lunch

Taipei: Vice-President Lien Chan of Taiwan is entitled to use 200 police to divert traffic, causing large jams, to go daily lunch with his mother.

# Judge halts work on £4bn dam to save Borneo tribes from injustice

BY TERRY SLAVIN

DEEP in the misty heart of the Borneo rainforest, the spirits of Kajing Tubek's ferocious ancestors rest more easily than they have for years. Mr Tubek and two other descendants of the great Dyak headhunting tribes scored a crucial victory this week in their battle which will flood an area of rainforest the size of Singapore, inundating

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sacred ancestral graves and forcing them to abandon their longhouse

A High Court judge in far-off Kuala Lumpur ruled that the £4 billion dam - a pet project of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Prime Minister - had violated Malaysian environmental laws.

Judge James Foong said Kuala was wrong to transfer responsibility for assessing the environment ministry.

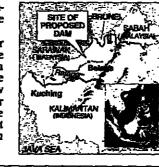
impact to the Sarawak Government, a large shareholder in the project, and to ignore the concerns of environmentalists and the 10,000 indigenous tribespeople who will be resettled, forcibly if necessary, on palm oil plantations. "This court shall not idly stand by and witness such injustice," the judge said. He ordered that work be halted until the amiert is

tiffs, whose protests since the dam was first announced in 1979 had been ignored by both Malaysian and Sarawak authorities, were jubliant at their victory. But Mr Tubek said he will have to tell the people in his longhouse that the battle is far from over "The Government is determined to go ahead," he said.

Indeed, Anwar Ibrahim, Malav-Finance Mr Tubek and his fellow plain- described the High Court ruling as appeal.

"a technicality" that could be resolved without halting work on the

Gurdial Singh Nijar, a lawyer acting for the tribespeople, said the court ruling proved that Malaysia has a functioning democracy. "The truth is no matter of how high or low you are. The court has made a clear declaration that no one is above the But many of Minister, immediately the ruling will be overturned on







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# Santer's 'show of steel' wins praise for forging deal

AS THE beef armistice sent European leaders back to normal business yesterday, there was little doubt around the Florence summit that John Major had emerged the worse for wear from his short "mad cow" war. When it came to spotting winners, diplomats and politicians pointed in the direction of one man: Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission.

In often undiplomatic terms, officials from the big continental states talked of the beef deal as a "face-saving" arrangement to defuse the crisis and to help Mr Major out of an impasse. "Major has lost credit, but not Britain." said a senior Nordic diplomat "He gambled and lost and no one will forget that."

It was impossible to find a non-British official who agreed with government ministers that Britain had won its framework package by staging its non-cooperation campaign. Things moved when Britain agreed to the bigger cull." said Klaus van der Pas. spokesman for Mr Santer. depended on the UK," he said. He also played down the impact of the 100 EU decisions frozen by the policy of the "half-empty chair".

Britain was expected to give its assent last night to the most important of the blocked measures — an agreement to clear the way to completing the convention, the Europol scheme for a European criminal intelligence agency. Britain long refused to give the

role as arbiter in Europol disputes. A compromise allows the others to refer to the court while Britain sticks to its national jurisdiction.

Compliments flowed thick around the Fortezza da Basso. the monumental venue of the summit, over the way that Mr Santer and his Commission. the lightning conductor for

> 6 Major has lost credit. He gambled and lost and no one will forget that 9

anti-European ire in all the 15 states, had worked doggedly after a bumpy start to broker a compromise on beef acceptable to all sides. "Jacques Delors would have lost his temper and written off the British far earlier," a German diplomat said of Mr Santer's predecessor in the Brussels job. The emollient Luxembourger had "shown he has a

bit of steel in him", he added. Britain's agreement now to out its fate in the hands of the Commission for each remaining phase of the beef embargo has bolstered the hand of Brussels as Europe negotiates to rearrange the equation of

revision. Mr Major's campaign has, in the view of several EU governments, given stark proof of the need to rework the treaty, creating a more flexible Union to avoid similar disruptions.

The bluntest words yesterday came from Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian Prime Minister. The treaty negotiations, the inter-governmental conference (IGC), should put an end to the ability of any state to take the Union "hostage". "We must try to find a solution to make an attitude like the one adopted by the United Kingdom impossible or to punish it with sanctions."

the three months since it was launched in Turin, in the view of the others largely because of Britain's refusal to consider any extension of majority voting and dilution of the veto. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and President Chirac of France yesterday insisted that the proceedings must be jolted into life under the forthcoming Irish EU presidency. They called on Dublin to prepare a draft of the new treaty by the end of their turn in December.

The IGC has got nowhere in

treland was also given the authority to call a special informal summit to push the proceedings forward. The priorities, the leaders agreed yesterday, are arrangements for common foreign and de-fence policies, justice and police matters and ways of making the Union more



an effigy of John Major and bags symbolising British an-imal feed in one of many protests across France against the phased lifting of the ban on British beef (Ben

Macintyre writes). The farmers are also angry over compensation offered by the EU, saying it will cover only a fraction of

# it with fire

the Florence agreement would compound the loss of consumer confidence, increase public health fears and further reduce beef consumption, threatening the industry in France.

terday's protests took the authorities by surprise. Demonstrators fought riot police and tried to seal off Channel ports. In "operation escargot", dozens of roads were blocked using livestock, farm vehicles and crates of vegetables. About demonstrators marched through Toulouse.

> dens and chapels. But they did enjoy

# talks on track with a flourish

Italian diplomacy triumphed and Italian body language — a national art form — came to the fore. Romano Prodi, normally thought of as an unassertive economics professor who somehow wandered into politics by mistake, turned out to be a crisp chairman, with many a lively hand gesture to hurry speakers along or shut them up as the summit moved briskly to 'solve the British question" by setting the BSE question out of the way first.

"Don't forget !! the state holding company IRI for several years before he formed the Centre-Left coalition." a senior Italian official observed. "He is not such an innocent, Otherwise he would not have won the election in April. He knows

Signor Prodi's real bella figura gestures were re-served for President Chirac. At one stage the two Latin leaders stood in the courtyard at the Fortezza da Basso, the 16th century Medici fortress where the summit is being held, admiring its walls. Signor Prodi's gesturing, which appeared cool and restrained in the presence of John Major, suddenly went into overdrive, and M Chirac responded to his host's enthusiastic exposition of Medici history with a series of Gallic shrugs and powerful back clappings.

The city of Florence, which has been frantically restoring its already stunning Renaissance buildings and art treasures. laid on a feast of exhibitions and happenings yesterday. Unfortunately, neither the EU leaders nor the 6,000 accompanying journalists and officials had much time to see "Renaissance Engineers from Brunelleschi to Leonardo" at the Palazzo Strozzi, or to take the tour of normally closed Medici gar-

private view of Caravaggio's startling canvas The Beheading of John the Baptist - brought from Malta for

the summit - when Mario Primicerio, the Mayor of Florence, offered them predinner drinks at the Palazzo Vecchio. "I wonder what John Major made of the symbolism of carving someone's head off and putting it on a plate," mused one European diplomat.

Tlavia Prodi. the Italian Prime Minister's wife, has shunned the limelight since her husband Professore was chairman of . came to power last month. Signora Prodi a social worker, dislikes the Rome cocktail circuit and prefers the family flat in Bologna. Yesterday she reluctantly appeared in her role as First Lady for the official dinner at the Palazzo Pitti, and a Verdi concert conducted by Zubin Mehta. She was outshone by Donatella Dini wife of Lamberto Dini, the Foreign Minister - who relishes the high life as a flamboyantly dressed (and independently wealthy)

> The leaders, meanwhile, were offered Florentine steak cooked in rosemary and olive oil last night, and were assured by their host that it was good local beef. Signor Prodi presented them all with a bottle of Tuscan olive oil to take home as a memento.

Therentines were not amused by the traffic chaos caused by the summit, or by the removal of all litter bins in case they were used as receptacles for bombs. Local residents were also inconvenienced by the closure of Florence's small airport, which was reserved for VIP flights. However, John Major's flight was diverted to Pisa. He arrived more than an hour late and ran straight into the row over where David Davis had or had not written a letter of resignation. British officials say neither he nor they got much sleep before his breakfast encounter with. Signor Prodi.

RICHARD OWEN

# Rifkind has nothing to show except the surrender papers

FROM GEORGE BROCK

NEVER has so flimsy a fig leaf been ripped off so ferociously or so fast. Britain's European Union partners have endured too many summits in the past at which ministers from London made exaggerated claims of

great negotiating victories.

This time the spin doctors from Paris, Rome and Brussels were ready for them. Malcolm Rifkind strode

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quickly across the gravel courtyard of the Fortezza da Basso to a press conference as soon as the guns were silenced in the beef war. But, just in case the Foreign Secretary was thinking of proclaiming victory, an Italian minister pointed out that a recently written footnote on beef exports to third countries meant almost nothing. That left Mr Rifkind

with very little paper to cover his nakedness: the footnote was about all that he had to show after a morning's horse-trading. But, somebody objected, the Italians say it is meaningless. The Whitehall wordsmiths who had hammered out the fine print of the threadbare surrender document stared stonily at the opposite wall.

"deep doo-doo", Mr Rifkind dis-

In the bland manner of the welltrained lawyer stuck in what an American President once called

missed as "misinformed" the suggestion that his footnote was not worth the paper it was written on. Mr Rifkind tried improvising: Britain had been given no dates for

the lifting of the beef ban but John Major would give indications of likely dates" before long. As the Foreign Secretary spoke, an elegant woman from the Elysee Palace was setting another roomful of journalists straight on that point. We are not talking here about a decision to lift

the ban," said President Chirac's spokeswoman. "Neither wholly nor partially. And it does not involve a timetable." Before Mr Rifkind had even finished in front of the carneras, correspondents waylaid an official of the European Commission: why was the footnote about third country exports in the name of the Italian Government and no one else? "Because the others do not believe that it has any effect," said this disarmingly frank man.

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**Tribunal** 

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FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN THE HAGUE

A FORMER inmate at a Serb-

run detention camp yesterday

described scenes of unimagin-

able savagery and sadism inflicted upon Muslim in-

The courtroom at the Yugo-

slav war crimes tribunal was

hushed by the testimony of

Suljeman Besic, a lumberjack, who described cruelty and

perversion at Trnopolje camp

Mr Besic, 46, recalled seeing

son shot after being ordered

to have sex with his mother's

corpse, a pile of 20 bodies with

their heads beaten in, and a

Muslim professor who was apparently murdered by the revengeful Serb soldier to

whom he once gave bad

The testimony was the most

horrifying yet in the trial of Dusan Tadic, the Bosnian

Serb who is charged with a

campaign of murder and tor-

ture in and around Trnopolje

and two other camps in north-

western Bosnia in 1992. But

Mr Tadic was not implicated

in the events described by Mr

Besic, who was asked to relive

the horrors of his detention by

Grant Niemann, the prosecu-

tor, to establish the murderous

Mr Tadic, 40, a former bar owner, has denied all charges.

Mr Besic said during his

imprisonment he was taken to

a cinema, used at Trnopolie to

house women, children and

the elderly, to witness the result of an alleged mass rape

by Serb troops of girls, one as

Mr Besic told the court that

another inmate told him that

Serb soldiers had arrived in a

tank the previous night and taken their pick of the girls. Any who resisted were beaten

and the elderly men who tried to intervene were killed, Mr

He described how a Serb

soldier ordered the professor

out of a room saying: "Don't

you remember all those bad

"The professor replied 'Real-

ly, I gave the marks you

deserved, sir, and the soldier

said. You see professor, if those marks had been better,

your life would have been

longer. Now you have to come

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# Yeltsin's daughter 'alerted him to dangers of coup'

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin's younger daughter. Tatyana, may have played an important role in helping to foil the failed palace coup that resulted in the sacking of three powerful

Details of the showdown are unclear, but it is evident that one wing of the Kremlin apparatus, headed by Mr Yeltsin's most trusted aide and chief bodyguard. General Aleksandr Korzhakov, tried to sideline key members of the President's campaign team and hoped to cancel the second round of voting due on July 3. According to several Mos-

cow analysts, General Korzha-kov, Mikhail Barsukov, the counter-intelligence chief, and Oleg Soskovets, the number two in the Government, had formed a sinister troika. They had cultivated links with Communist Party members close to their outlook. The strategy was to cancel the elections and declare a "government of national unity". Mr Yeltsin would stay at its head, but only in a ceremonial role.

They needed not so much President Yeltsin, but a president who was totally under their control, who happened to be Yeltsin," Vitali Tretyakov, editor of Nezavisimaya Gazeta, wrote yesterday. According to Andrei Piontkowsky, a Moscow political analyst, the key player on the Communist was Professor Aleksei Podberezkin, a former intelligence analyst who now heads the Spiritual Heritage movement, a nationalist think-tank. Although not a party member

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himself, the professor is a member of parliament and key strategist for the Communist presidential candidate. Gennadi Zyuganov.

team. Her arrival coincided

with the demotion of Mr Sos-

kovets, who had been initially

appointed head of the cam-

paign effort on the recommen-

dation of General Korzhakov.

She slotted into a team with a

more "democratic" outlook

headed by Viktor Chernomyr-

din, the Prime Minister, and

Anatoli Chubais, the liberal

reformer sacked from the

Government a month earlier.

his daughter's image-making,

a revitalised leader was

emerging, reminiscent of the

man who had won the 1991

presidential election. His poll rating leapt. In May, General

Korzhakov spoke out for the

postponement of the elections

and praised the Communists.

He was publicly rebuked by

Someone, possibly his

daughter, may have begun to

warn the President that he

was becoming the prisoner of

his entourage. These people

created an information block-

ade around the President,"

said Mr Piontkowsky. "The only person who could pene-

trate that blockade was

In an interview given before

the sackings and published in

yesterday's Komsomolskaya

Pravda, Tatyana said that

virtually the only people who

openly criticised the President

vere members of his close

family. She added: "Some-

times I am astonished why he

tolerates next to him people

who are deceiving him. He

Mr Yeltsin.

By April, not least thanks to

The intermediary between General Korzhakov and Professor Podberezkin appears to have been Boris Berezovsky, a Moscow banker. In May, he initiated the Letter of 13, an appeal by top businessmen for political stability and, implicitly, cancellation of the polls.

The idea was thwarted by an unexpected phenomenon. Yeltsin's dramatic revival in the polls and energetic electoral campaign. A guiding spirit in this was Tatyana Dyachenko, his younger daughter, a mathematician and mother of two, who joined the team in February as the President's main image-maker. "Her job was to attempt to restore to the President his human face, the face of a man who loves Russia," said a



Tatyana Dyachenko:

#### **President** chases the dacha runaways

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

AFTER a week of brilliant political manoeuvring in the run-up to the second round of sive detail still stands between President Yeltsin and victory on July 3.

Having neutralised the

threat posed by Communist rivals and Kremlin hardliners, Mr Yeltsin's real fear now is the allure of dachas, the country houses to which millions of his supporters could retreat on election day, a public holiday, without

The dacha is regarded practically as a birthright by most of Russia's urban population. The selection of second homes, from simple handbuilt sheds to lavish milliondollar mansions, is as diverse as the dachniki, who encompass society from factory workers to nouveaux riches.

On Friday nights, railway stations and roads are swamped as a human tide streams from the cities loaded with weekend provisions, children and pets for the relative quiet of the countryside. While most turned out to back Mr Yeltsin in the first round, this time voter apathy, warm weather and the need to tend to vegetable gardens may produce a similar exo-

dus, even for a midweek poll. "The elections will be decided by voter turnout, so the dacha factor is crucially important. They deliberately set the next round midweek to stop people escaping to the said Christopher Granville, a political analyst. According to opinion pollsters, Mr Yeltsin will win



easily if the turnout matches the 70 per cent of the electorate who voted in the first round. However, if the figure drops below 60 per cent then the President could be in trouble, since Communist voters tend to be far more disciplined and less likely to own a dacha.

"Of course I want to vote for Yeltsin, but I am not sure I will be back in time from the

driver who plans to escape with his family to their dacha north of Moscow on the Tuesday evening before the Wednesday poll. Mr Yeltsin is swimming against the tide of history if he hopes to put politics above Russians' love of their land.

One of the most famous dacha destinations is the writers' village at Peredelkino, ten

dacha," said Nikolai, a taxi miles west of Moscow, where Boris Pasternak, the author of Dr Zhivago lived and is buried. "I voted for Yeltsin last time and will probably do so again," said Lena, whose rambling dacha is near the writer's former home. "But the garden needs weeding, the strawberries will be ripening and frankly it will be a great temptation to get out of the



Usachev: philosophical

# No money makes the world go round and round for spacemen

By THOMAS DE WAAL

TWO cosmonauts are facing an unscheduled extra 40 days in space on the Mir space station because the Russian Space Agency is short of

It is the second time this year that Russians have been unable to return to Earth on time because of financial ems in the couny's flagging space programme.

Usachev will have to stay in orbit until August 30 instead of coming back to Earth in mid-July, the agency's press spokesman. Anatoli Tkachev, said yesterday. "They are taking it philosophically," he added.

The main reason for the postponement is the high cost of the Soyuz rocket boosters that take the cosmonauts to and from Mir, Mr Tkachev

cosmonauts in space. The space industry was hit by an additional problem on Thursday when a Soyuz-U rocket with a military satellite on board failed to go into orbit after lift-

In addition, the agency said it had decided to economise on staff and rely on the experience of the two auts already up there. The down on manufacture of the boosters two men have been on board Mir humans in order to maintain and module - is five months behind Yuri Onufriyenko and Yuri because they are too expensive, a since February 23. Their American repair it. The older Mir gets, the schedule, Mr Koptev added.

move which will prolong the stay of companion, the woman astronaut Shannon Lucid, who joined them in March, is due to be taken off the station earlier in August by an American shuttle.

The Mir station has been in orbit for ten years — three times longer than originally planned — and is expected to stay in use at least into the next century. The station, however, requires the permanent presence of more attention it needs to prevent a malfunction, said Yuri Koptev, the Russian Space Agency director.

He said the funding for Russian

space research was equivalent to 10 per cent of the 1989 level, in comparative terms. He said \$673 million (£437 million) had been budgeted for space programmes this year. Construction of a key Russian component of the Alpha orbital station - the service

about staying aboard

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# Iron Lady's reign in Spain

THERE is a corner of Madrid that is forever Maggie's. In an office in Spain's leading right-wing think-tank, her portrait hangs by the desk of an admirer. Mi-guel Angel Cortes. 37. Secretary of State for Culture in the Government of Jose Maria

mined that Baroness Thatcher's ideas find a secure home in Spain.

Margaret Thatcher is one of the century's most remarkable politicians." Senor Cortes says. "She gave great prominence to ideas and always told the truth. Few leaders have had a greater sense of history than her, and a better

#### Cava families are fizzing

THE pleasant popping of corks has given way to the angry brandishing of writs. Codorniu and Freixenet, the two leading producers of cava. Spain's equivalent to champagne, are locked in a court battle.

The Codorniu group, older and traditional, accuses its rivals of passing off as cava inferior sparkling wine that has

MADRID FILE by TUNKU VARADARAJAN Aznar, is the captain of a team of Anglophile "neoliberals" deter- who will take it to market. With Lady

Thatcher, Ronald Reagan and Friedrich von Hayek as his deities, Señor Cortes is a "liberal" -- the post-Franco Spanish way of saying "conservative". The Foundation for Analysis and Social Studies is modelled on Britain's Centre for Policy Studies and the Adam Smith Institute.

"I like the British way of doing things, of producing a stream of short, thought-After 13 years of Socialist subsidies, Spain's culture is in the hands of a man policy by argument and analysis." In

> spent fewer than the necessary nine-month minimum in the bottle. Denying this, the newer, brasher Freixenet accuses Codorniu of using outlawed grape varieties and watering vineyards

> Attempts to settle out-of-court failed because the heads of the two family-run groups are not on speaking terms.

from Valladolid is betterplaced than many. One of Senor Aznar's closest advisers, he has a direct line to the Prime Minister, having accompanied him on the long journey to the Monclos. Spain's 10 Downing Street. The think-tank has produced

scores of policy papers, on subjects as varied as the problems of multi-culturalism to the flaws in the European Union's common agricultural policy. Some have been written by Michael Portillo, long a close friend of Senor Cortes. "If I were British," says the Secretary of State in near-perfect Eng-lish, and not without a mischievous smile, "I would be a militant of the Conservative Party."

Unlike many Tory militants, however, Señor Cortes is a firm believer in the EU. although committed to "a Europe of the nations". "The EU should not override national interests. A process of integration that goes too fast puts public support for the institutions in danger.

"We are firmly against Fortress Europe," he says, adding that Spain, Britain and Portugal — "the three nations with an Atlanticist identity" had a common interest in keeping alive their special relationships with America. Spoken like a true Thatcherista.



Miguel Angel Cortés, Spain's Secretary of State for Culture. is a firm believer in the Thatcherite creed, but describes himself as a liberal

### Monks guard Goya in fight by feminists

FRANCISCO DE GOYA, master-paint-er and misogynist, would not have liked the spectacle one bit. Hundreds of feminists are converging today on a Carthusian monastery near Zaragoza to protest against a 200-year rule that has stopped women seeing Spain's largest

Painted by Goya in 1772, the work is at Aula Dei. Monks there cherish their allmale sanctuary and have always prohibited women from entering the

The Carthusians live in individual cells, wear hair shirts and abstain from eating meat. They consume only bread and water on Fridays and speak to each other only on Sundays. Women in their midst, it is held, would destroy the fragile beauty of their asceticism.

But modern Spanish women refuse to accept that access to an art treasure can be barred because of the whims of a few hundred monks. They are demanding equal treatment, and women's groups have threatened to camp indefinitely outside the monastery.

Only two women have so far seen the mural, namely Queen Sofia and an art restorer. It was not easy: both had to get express papal bulls to get past the door.

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### Secular sentiments run high as Pope starts German visit

FROM ROGER BOYES

THE Pope travelled to united Germany yesterday for the found a church in turmoil.

Demonstrators are underlining the gap between the Vatican's teachings and Germany's secular society. In Berlin, prostitutes have organised an anti-papist ball, and 500 homosexual couples will hold a collective wedding ceremony to coincide with the papal Mass at Hitler's Olympic Stadium tomorrow.

Across the board, there have been criticism and noisy protests. Some have come from long-standing church dissi-dents like Hans Küng, a theologian who for decades has attacked church teachings on abortion, papal infallibility and the celibacy of priests. Now he has returned to the fray by declaring that the church should tackle the issue f euthanasia and the right of the terminally ill to choose the method of their death.

A gay "mass" is to be held at the weekend in which the Hamburg sado-masochistic prostitute, Domenica Niehoff, will declare herself to be Popess Domenica the First". and stage a mock-beatification the Berlin transvestite, Charlotte von Mahlsdorff. A gay "Love Parade" will attract tens of thousands of homosexuals to Berlin - not enough to rival the 130,000 Catholics attending the papal Mass, but sufficient to embarrass the church leadership.

Even mainstream politicians have joined in the argu-"Demonising birth control and abortion has nothing to do with charity." said Erik Schrader, chairman of the youth branch of the Free Democratic Party. The party is planning a parade of march-



The Pope: on his first trip to a united Germany

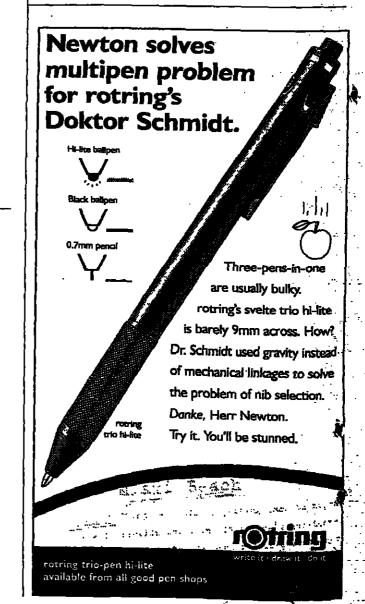
ing condoms on the eve of the

Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, a practising Catholic, will meet the Pope tomorrow and standing on issues such as population control and the role of women priests. The carnival on the sidelines of the two-day pilgrimage indicates how far the Germans have drifted from organised religion. Fifty per cent of former East Germans say, categorically, that they are not religious. The Germans in the West seem to be more devout only 39 per cent describe themselves as non-religious. ☐ Berlin: A court lifted a Nazi legal judgment against Bern-hard Lichtenberg, a Roman Catholic priest martyred during the Third Reich and due to be beatified by the Pope tomorrow. The court said it overruled the verdict because it was based on laws meant to

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■ OPINION

Come off it. Mr Travolta: even a \$17 million actor needs a spot of direction



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CHOICE

From the Sex Pistols' big comeback to West End shows: see Weekend, page 14 for the top events



ON MONDAY

'Poems on the Underground' sets a challenge for poets to capture the essence of a city

there anywhere I would rather have been last week than in the exquisitely appointed offices of The Times? The question is nigh unthinkable, of course. Nevertheless, I have dared to think it, and the answer is this: I wish I had been on the set of Roman Polanski's new film and witnessed the wonderful spat beween the diminutive director and

his star actor, John Travolta. I do feel a bit sorry for Polanski. That's a sentence you never thought you would read.) He hires Travolta for \$17 million, this being the preposterous price that the one-time twinkling pelvis of Grease now commands after his "brilliant" comeback as a drug-crazed homicidal thug in Quentin Tarantino's Pulp Fiction. He ships Travolta's \$200,000 trailer from America to Paris, so that the actor can recuperate from the strain of remembering several lines at a time in front of the camera. To cap it all, Polanski - the director, let us not forget, of such celluloid masterpieces as Chinatown and Rose-

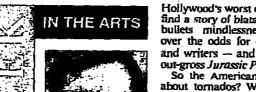
Never mind the talent; feel the fame mary's Baby — grants Travolta "script approval". Which is a bit like Raymond Blanc granting "menu approval" to his waiters.

But even this does not satisfy our modest superstar. Travolta declares that Polanski should not attempt to direct his "personal performance", but only submit a "creative vision" - in writing. Not surprisingly, this creates a certain friction. Travolta storms off, and now the writs are flying like

pillows in a fourth-form dorm. Can this be evidence that Hollywood has lost all semblance of sanity? Quite possibly. The rule in present-day popular culture does seem to be that, in any contest between celebrity and talent, the former wins every time. If Charles Dickens were to descend from heaven today brandishing the television rights to a new novel. would he find any takers? I doubt it. Not if he were up against My Life as a Weather Cirl by Tracy Stoggs, much-loved presenter of Good Morning Basingstoke.

I am exaggerating of course. Or am l? This week the showbiz paper Variety tells us that the "supermodel" Veronica Webb has decided to be a Hollywood screenwriter. "It's a fun brain exercise." she says of her new career. "If it all works, it would be dope." Good grief. What a wordsmith. Stand aside, F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Yet the fact is that crass, mad, celebrity-obsessed Hollywood makes movies that regularly haul in billions of dollars. The latest blockbuster. Twister - about a tornado - has taken \$200 million in its first six weeks. Even Mission: Impossible, a rehash of an ancient TV series, is pushing towards \$150 million. Meanwhile, our literate, witty, compassionate, ironic Brit-



**RICHARD MORRISON** 

ish films mostly flop like stranded jellyfish in overseas markets. Here's what we should do. Just for once, we should throw away our manuals of good taste and

Hollywood's worst characteristics, find a story of blatant, blood-andbullets mindlessness, pay way over the odds for celebrity stars and writers - and then watch it out-gross Jurassic Park.

So the Americans make films about tornados? We get exciting weather too! So they tart up old TV series? We have vaults of the stuff, How about a film called Dixon of Dock Green goes out in a light drizzle. scripted by Anthea Turner and starring Paul Gascoigne? A sure-fire hit, I should think. Or, as we say in the movie business: "If it all works, it would be dope,"

hat are you doing this weekend? ball, that is. And don't say drowning your sorrows; this is a very patriotic column. I know what I shall be doing. Turning the

down. Searching the garden shed, inch by inch. Scrabbling under the fuchsias like a hyperactive badger. You see, somewhere it must exist. The long-lost Schubert symphony, I mean. Or the Turner painting that everybody has overlooked. I'm not fussy. I will settle for an early Damien Hirst if I could get it to the auction house before the

health inspectors confiscate it. The stream of "amazing discoveries" in people's attics and suchlike is truly remarkable, is it not? In recent years we have learnt of a Caravaggio identified in an Irish monastery: an unknown Berlioz Mass found in an organ loft; a public school tuck-shop that apparently contained a priceless ancieni mural; a Canova statue found under a rhododendron bush in the West Country; and, only this week, a manuscript fragment of an cupboard under the stairs upside aria allegedly written by Mozart,

which has "popped up" in the loft of a private house in America. Just fancy that! Where, exactly, was it found? Who found it? How did it get there? Christie's, the auctioneers,

won't say. Yet they are expecting someone to pay £30,000 for the mysterious scrap next Wednesday. Well, then, how do we know it is by Mozart? Partly because, conve-

niently enough, the words "Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart" are written at the top! "Mozart's signature," The Daily Telegraph explained helpfully. Strange how usually sceptical journalists develop a golly-gosh deference when they walk into auction houses.

Actually, chaps, it isn't. Mozart never signed himself that way, as any music undergraduate could tell you. Indeed, Christie's themselves will admit this, if pressed on the matter. Of course this doesn't mean that the music itself is fake. But let's just say that the Morrison Estate won't be entering into the bidding war next week. I expect the Gettys will be relieved.

# They think it's all oeuvre — it is now

The art of football

extends far

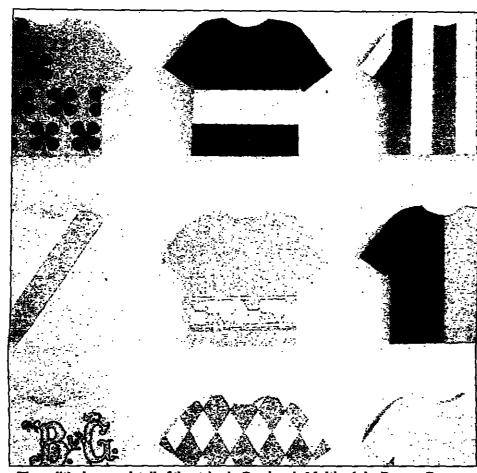
beyond the pitch, says

Charles Hall

Thatever the quality of the sport, Euro 96 has already spawned an impromptu national festival of football-related art. Our artists look, on the whole, remarkably comfortable on

12.

There is nothing new about the art world's infatuation with the beautiful game. Ben Nicholson, an artist whose own talents lay more in the direction of table tennis, liked to say that abstraction was about the reconciliation of opposing forces and "has as much to do with Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur as it does with the movements of the stars". But there is something new in the form in which this appreciation is expressed. For Nicholson, football is a thing of beauty - the spontaneous physical and intellectual interaction of 22 highly athletic players. However, to judge from the exhibitions at Manchester's Cornerhouse and City Art Galleries in collaboration with the Institute of International Visual Arts, the



Adam Beebee makes much the same point with grids of small, apparently abstract paintings: they turn out to be based on the banners of various Italian fan groups, but they could easily pass for national flags. You can readily imagine young men foolish enough to honour them, or perhaps even to lay down their

lives for them. In fact, imagination is redundant: it is the literal truth. Groups of fans may make ersatz nations, but real ones are not above recruiting the sporting instinct (it is only 20 years since El Salvador and Honduras went to war over a soccer match). When, in the First World War, a Captain Nevill led his men over the top, he encouraged them by offering a prize to the first man to kick his football into the German trenches. Crispin Jones shows a photograph of one of those balls, which has survived Nevill - and most of s men - by more than 80

You could take them, at first sight, for the real thing — but for the fact that there are far too many of them. This is not a team, but a kind of virtual community, bound together by a common fantasy. Buchanan's curiosity is evidently tempered with respect.

That becomes even clearer in his Ten in a Million, which simply records what you see when you turn slowly round in the centre circle of a selection of park football pitches around the world. The answer is not a lot, unless your taste runs to railway lines, passing traffic and undistinguished housing. but then this is precisely the

which modern cities are supposed to lack, and it is here, in an apparently anonymous stretch of ground, that the kind of bonding which the other artists here seem to be poking fun at goes on. This is where the things which humanise a city actually happen. It comes as no surprise. therefore, to discover that Buchanan is a park player

There is a similar warmth to Lucy Gunning's video showtwo women having a kickabout in the gallery. The location is no accident - the sight of women playing foot- ber 8.

kind of communal space ball still tends to elicit an amused, self-consciously tolerant smile, and it is not so long since women artists had to endure the same kind of

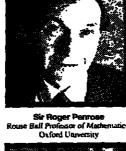
It is a characteristic piece of work: this is not the beautiful game, any more than it is Great Art; but it evidently matters a great deal. The players look faintly ridiculous. but they are utterly absorbed.

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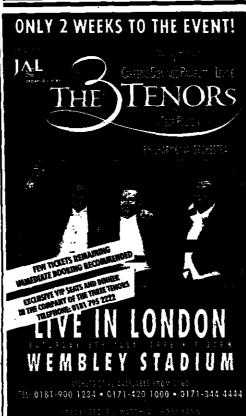
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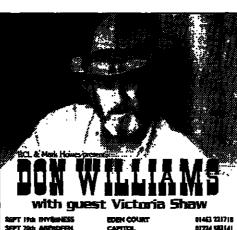
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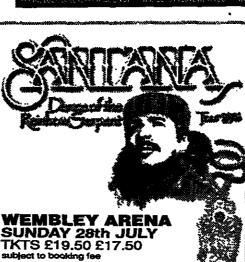
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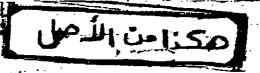
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while the Californian trio Grant Lee **Buffalo** bring an epic touch to the Forum

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The London Coliseum will welcome Mikhail Baryshnikov for a dance season this summer



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#### OPERA AT GLYNDEBOURNE

## Spare change for the better

WHEN Jamie MacDougall took over the part of Septimius in Glyndebourne's Theodora, he landed himself in a role which, although not a major one in Handel's great oratorio, is in many ways its emotional and spiritual pivot, Hilary Finch writes.

In having to enforce the death penalty - against the promptings of his own conscience - on those Christians who refused to worship the Roman gods on Emperor Diocletian's birthday, he em-bodies the powerful confrontations which leap out of Handel's music in this Peter Sellars production of pro-found musical and dramatic truth. Life denied and life affirmed; innocence and cynical experience; torturer and victim: the polarities clash

and collide relentlessly. MacDougall's robust tenor was not without difficulties the first night he sang. A gruff gremlin seemed at times lodged in the larynx. Yet with the support of the Orchestra of the Age of the Enlightenment playing as beautifully as I have ever heard them, he survived his ordeal. The playing seemed newly pointed, directed now from the harpsichord by Harry Bicket, making a premature debut as William Christie had been told to rest after a mild heart attack. Bicket will be in charge of the Glyndebourne Touring Opera autumn run: the regions are in for a rare treat.

WHEN it was first seen in 1991, the Glyndebourne production of Cosi fan tutte had the inestimable asset of the period-instrument Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Simon Rattle, Barry Millington writes. The pit has now been reclaimed by the modern instruments of the London Philharmonic Orchestra and when this year's revival opened under

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the baton of Franz Welser-Most, the response on this page was less than enthusiastic. David Parry has taken over the last six performances and has transformed the evening into one of pure delight.

Parry's tempos are fleet. his phrasing well pointed and his textures buoyant. The comic timing is as sharp in the pit as on the stage, and the wind-band music of Act Il is played with especial recision and polish.

No cast change had origi-nally been scheduled, but the American Dorabella, Susan Graham, asked to be released from the production early in the run (because of serious illness in the family) and the Ferrando, John Mark Ainsley, is also missing several performances through indisposition. Fortunately their understudies, chorus members imelda Drumm and Andrew Mac-Kenzie-Wicks, were more than ready to step in. Drumm demonstrated special assurance, both vocally and dramatically: her Smanie implacabili, a model of controlled agitation, was articulated impressively, while E amore un ladroncello was negotiated

in sprightly fashion. MacKenzie-Wicks showed great promise in Un aura amorosa, both affecting and evenly sung. In the second act, the strain began to tell, when Tradito, schernito, which had started with a fine show of fury, ran out of Solveig Kringelborn's Fiordiligi was confident if a little steely in tone: Simon Keenlyside's Guglielmo remains outstanding. Jake Gardner is

Lillian Watson the resourceful Despina. Trevor Nunn's production (revived by Michael McCarthy) is ingenious, perceptive and brilliantly theatrical.

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he adage that what around, came into full effect last Monday evening at London's Borderline, Paul Sexton writes. The hottest ticket of the night was for an American group that has become the talk of Nashville with a sound that belongs to the 1940s and 1950s. And how brilliantly BR5-49

do it. The EP Live From Robert's was recently released here as a document of their residency at a "boots and beer" store in the country music capital. There they have whipped up a nightly storm — and filled their "tip jar" to overflowing — these past couple of years with an ex-traordinarily authentic homage to the music of such pioneers as Bob Wills. Hank Williams and Webb Pierce.

For added flavour, they throw their own originals into the pot, dress the part in snapbrim hats, bootlace ties or dungarees, and come across like time travellers on a mission from the seedling days of rock'n'roli.

Thus the Borderline heaved to two hours of BR5-49's irresistible mélange of Western swing, rockabilly and honky-tonk. In the early stages of this hurricane performance. the audience could only stand and gawp at a style that is so old it sounds fresh.

Their revue of the musical styles that shaped country music from the end of the war until the onset of the rock era was at once disciplined and hedonistic, with joint frontmen Chuck Mead and Gary Bennett trading favourites by Carl Perkins, Lefty Frizzell and other frontiersmen. All the while, "Smilin" Jay" Mc-Dowell beamed energetically on "dog-house" bass, Don Herron played the wizard of the dribble on steel guitar and fiddle, and Shaw Wilson do-

nated the tightest of backbeats. as they crooned, one caugh in this hayseed style the addictive spirit that inspired the generation that followed, from Elvis Presley, through the



Beatles. Every so often they threw in a contemporary piece such as Little Ramona, the tale of a punk rocker who goes "Hillbilly nuts". BR5-49's first studio album for Arista is out in September and promises to make all of us do the same.

the Californian trio Grant Lee Buffalo first came over here in 1993, with a personal recommendation from R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe, and their debut album Fuzzy won them many more fans. Ann Scanlon writes. They started their set at the Forum, in northwest London, with the epic suite The Shining, the opening track on that album, with front-man Grant Lee Phillips giving it all its original intensity as he played guitar opposite bassist Paul Kimble, while Joey Peters hit his kit with the kind of nonchalant ease more commonly associat-

ed with a jazz drummer. Although the tho West Coast sound of the 1960s and Phillips's physical appearance and songwriting style have much in common with Everly Brothers, to the the young Tom Waits, Grant

Lee Buffalo can most easily be compared with the Waterboys. This became apparent early on when they played Bethle-hem Steel, from their third and latest album. Copperopolis, in which Phillips sounded uncannily like Mike Scott during his This is the a period.

Much of the set was made up of songs from Copperopolis, Kimble helping to vary the pace by alternating between bass and piano. So the heavy-duty instrumental parts of songs such as Two & Two provided a marked contrast to ballads such as Mockingbirds and, particularly, The Breachs

However, anyone who wit-nessed Grant Lee Buffalo's memorable show at London's ICA three years ago will remember the trio for their sonic noise rather than their balladry, and they finished in memorable style, with both Phillips and Kimble burning their guitars up on Fuzzy.

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Coliseum (Aug 20-24). That's the company he formed in 1989, in partnership with the choreographer Mark Morris. after hanging up his ballet shoes forever. White Oak's season will showcase work by some of America's top contemporary choreographers, including Morris.

ONCE again, the Edinburgh Festival Fringe is company of Doctor Faustus.

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• DIRECTOR David Leveaux will make his musical theatre debut in December when he stages the belated London premiere of Nine, the Arthur Kopit-Maury Yeston adaptation of Fellini's 812 that won Broadway's Best Musical Tony in 1982. The production, to be designed by Anthony Ward, will open at the

• POOR Matthew Hart. His

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first commission for English National Ballet, a Fortiesinspired work called Blitz. was scheduled to have its world premiere in Cambridge last month. Severe production difficulties scuppered its planned debut on the night, as they did the following night. Undaunted, the young Covent Garden choreographer then looked forward to a world premiere rescheduled for ondon this week. But just before the curtain rose at the Festival Hall on Monday night, leading man Roman Rykin pulled a muscle and once again Blitz was called off. Meanwhile, Hart's new Cinderella was to have been one of the star attractions in London over Christmas, danced by London City Ballet

- which went bust this week. THE Trainspotting trio of Danny Boyle (director), Andrew MacDonald (producer), and John Hodge (writer) are turning to America for their first film, A Life Less Ordinary, due to start shooting later this year. The \$12 million film tells the story of a Scottish cleaner who kidnaps the daughter of his wealthy employer and sets off on a road trip across America. Ewan McGregor, who starred in the team's previous films, Shallow Grave and Trainspotting. is expected to play the lead

 THE British conductor Alun Francis has been named as the new principal conductor of the Orchestra Sinfonica di Milano, the ensemble founded in 1991 when the radio orchestras of Rome and Milan were liquidated. Francis, who leaves his post as chief conductor of the Berliner Symphoniker after seven years, will conduct 15 to 20 concerts per season in Milan.

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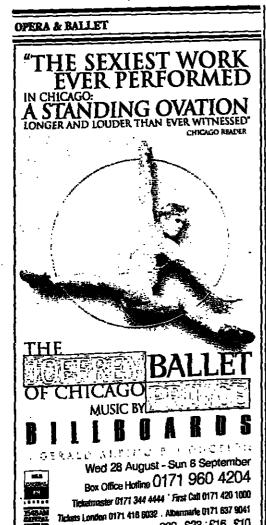
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# Royal balm for a blind, bitter land

John Grigg on George V's Belfast speech of 1921, which inaugurated peace at the price of Irish partition

eventy-five years ago today, King George V landed in Belfast to open the new Parliament of Northern Ireland. He drove in a carriage from Donegal Quay to the City Hall, where the ceremony took place. As yet there was no Stormont; the grandiose parliament building there was not opened until 1932. After the ceremony at the City Hall, the Parliament occupied temporary quarters at the Presbyterian Theological College for more than a decade.

The speech that the King delivered on June 22, 1921, was no routine utterance, but one of the most striking and influential of his reign. And I have a strong personal interest in it, since it was written by my father, Edward Grigg (as the King's biographers, Harold Nicolson and Kenneth Rose, clearly state). At the time my father was working for the Prime Minister, Lloyd George, in the secretariat that he maintained at 10 Downing

The circumstances of the speech are worth recalling. Under the Government of Ireland Act (1920) Ireland was partitioned into two legislative areas, of 26 counties in the South and six in the North. The partition took account of existing realities, but was never meant to be permanent, at any rate by Lloyd George. He genuinely desired a united Ireland, though preferably within the United Kingdom and

certainly within the British Empire. But he had long believed that this could come about only by consent.
While establishing two

Home Rule Parliaments in Ireland, the 1920 Act also provided facilities for union, or reunion. It set up a Council of Ireland with representatives from both

to which some specific powers were assigned, and which was free to extend its scope. In the South, the Sinn Fein party.

which had swept the poll in the 1918 general election, stood for total independence and therefore rejected the 1920 Act. It had created its own Dail under the presidency of Earnon de Valera, and some Sinn Feiners, led by Michael Collins. were engaged in a terrorist camforces and Irish civilians who served the Crown. To this, Lloyd George's Government was responding with a grimly effective counter-terror, using the Auxiliaries and the "Black and Tans".

The six-county North was dominated (as, of course, it still is) by the Scots-Irish Protestant Unionists. although the Gaelic-Irish Catholic minority constituted a third of the population. The charismatic leader of Ulster Unionism was Edward Carson, but he was not an Ulsterman, and in practice the man who counted was James Craig.

Ireland in June 1921 was, therefore, still part of the United Kingdom, but politically divided and in the grip of murderous violence. In going to Belfast to open the Northern Ireland Parliament. the King was taking a considerable

risk. He did so without hesitation. General Smuts, who happened to be in London for an Imperial Conference, advised him to use the occasion to send a message of peace to the whole of Ireland. This idea appealed to him, as it did to Lloyd George. But a draft speech prepared by Smuts did not find favour. Lloyd George then asked my

father to prepare another, and his draft almost exactly coincides with the speech that was actually delivered. A few phrases were incorporated from a draft written by the elder statesman A.J. Balfour, but the speech was essentially my father's work, and he was responsible for the passage that made the greatest impact:

The eyes of the whole Empire are on Ireland today — that Empire in which so many nations and races have come together in spite of ancient feuds . . . I am emboldened between the lack beyond the by that thought to look beyond the sorrow and anxiety which have clouded of late my vision of Irish affairs. I speak from a full heart when I pray that my coming to ireland today may prove to be the first step towards the end of strife amongst her people, whatever their

In that hope I appeal to all Irishmen to pause, to stretch out the hand of forbearance and conciliation, to forgive and forget, and to join in making for the land they love a new era of peace, contentment and goodwill.

On his return to London, the King was met at the station by Lloyd George and members of the Cabinet, and cheered by enthusiastic crowds on his way to Buckingham Palace. He lost no time in urging the Prime Minister to seize "the psychological moment", and Lloyd George responded by invitde Valera and Craig to a

conference in London. On July 10, a truce was The King signed, and soon afterwards negotiations began which led at risked his life for length to the Anglo-Irish agreement, or "treaty", of December 5, 1921. a peace that lasted half Under this, the 26 counties became the a century

Irish Free State, with a

status equivalent to that of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. The oath of allegiance was carefully worded to indicate that the Crown had no internal significance in the Free State, but was merely a symbol of its external link with other Commonwealth nations. Northern Ireland remained in the United Kingdom, but it was Lloyd George's hope that the two parts of Ireland would gradually grow

s we know, the 1921 treaty did not lead to a permanent **\_\_\_\_**solution of the Irish question. But it did produce an approximate state of peace for nearly half a century. The King's Belfast speech did not cause this, but it can fairly be regarded as an important contribution — just as his father's visit to Paris in 1903 was an important contribution to the entente

It was not George V's fault, or Lloyd George's, that republican extremists in the Free State plunged the new country into civil war over a treaty that had been ratified by the Dail and endorsed by the people in an election. Nor was it their fault that partition was solidified over the years by narrow-minded leadership both North and South.

Above all, it is no fault of theirs that violent republicanism has revived as a threat to democratic government in both parts of Ireland. They did their best - as the promoters of the latest negotiations have been doing their best — but until the attempt to unite Ireland by force is finally abandoned, all dawns are bound to prove false.

# The Tories prefer Californian 'work first' to Labour's Australian model, says Andrew Mitchell

Lone parents need jobs, not training

Next Monday, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, Chris Smith. will unveil Labour's welfare spending plans, and he has already signalled that his approach will draw on Australia's programme for Jobs. Education and Training (JET). I have just returned from a fact-finding trip to Australia, where serious questions are now being raised about JET's effectiveness questions which Mr Smith will

need to answer. The aim of JET is laudable. It seeks to help single parents to overcome the barriers to work by assisting with education, training and job search. Lone parents are interviewed by JET advisers before being passed to other agencies for practical help, including childcare. The Australian Government is conducting a detailed study of JET's cost-effectiveness. We heard evidence which clearly contradicted initial claims that JET was selffinancing. Reported figures apparently ignored the cost of most statefunded childcare, and took credit for all ione parents who found work, even though many would have returned to work even without JET's help. So the true cost of JET has been underestimated. But even before these factors are taken into account, the official figures show that in its first five years JET has cost taxpayers more than it saved. Even more interesting were re-

ports that JET, in addition to being costly, may not actually be helping lone parents back to work. In any one year only about 10 per cent of JET's clients found work, and many of these might have found work anyway. Education and training are clearly important. But there is a risk that by emphasising education and training as much as it does JET has discouraged lone parents from taking jobs they might otherwise have accepted.

Government for its efforts to improve its policies. But Australia is not the only model. It is to America and California that those who want to help lone parents back into work must turn. This is the only area where there has been an authoritative study of which scheme works best. In the late 1980s and early 1990s different counties in California experimented with varying approaches to help lone

heavily towards training, such as Australia's JET. By far the best result was the one visited in Riverside county in California, which increased client's earnings by more than \$3,000 over three years. Its approach, based on an active search for employment. using job clubs. has since been

parents back to work. An indepen-

dent evaluation clearly showed the

success of a "work first" approach,

and the failings of schemes biased

copied by Los Angeles. This county had previously failed its clients because it concentrated too much on training and too little on encouraging people to take jobs. Now it has increased its job placement rate by 300 per cent in three years.

alifornia's "work first" scheme, Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN), is encapsulated in its motto "a job, a better job. a career". GAIN focuses on getting people into jobs. how-ever modest, and recognises that work experience is often the best qualification for a better job. Next April, the Government will

pilot a major new scheme to help lone parents find work. We will be studying the JET and GAIN programmes carefully to make sure that our pilot avoids the mistakes and emulates the successes of schemes in other countries.

But our singleminded intention is to ensure that a paying job results — to the advantage of the lone parent as well as the taxpayer.

Andrew Mitchell, MP, is the Minister at the Department of Social Security with responsibility for the Child Support Agency and lone

# The greatest show on earth

We grumble about the Millennium Exhibition, but we shall be glad of it

here is always a right time for a party. There is never a right time for a party. For every party-giver there are ten souls with worthy causes clamouring for the money. Yet the world would be a dreary place if it could not celebrate the passage of time. As we meet life's milestones we add a pebble to the pile and raise a defiant glass to the Grim Reaper.
There will be a Millennium

ost lone parents want to move out of welfare de-

pendency and back to

work. In Britain the Government is tackling the problem through a two-pronged policy of maintenance

and work incentives. But we are also looking abroad for new ideas. Everyone agrees that the Child Support Agency had a bumpy start.

But we have now almost doubled

the average amount of mainte-

nance that single parents bringing

up children are awarded, and traced 137,000 absent parents who were previously paying nothing.

Maintenance helps lone parents to

return to work, as it is paid in

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duced Family Credit to make work

more worthwhile for people who could get only low-paid jobs. Since 1992, Family Credit has helped more than 200,000 lone parents to

find work. We have also refined

and improved the scheme by

reducing the minimum hours of

work needed to qualify, which helps parents who can only work

part-time, and by taking into account the cost of childcare. In

October, we will introduce the Back

to Work Bonus, a savings scheme

to help people to move from part-time to full-time work.

The Government has also intro-

Exhibition in London in the year 2000. This week the Millennium Commission (in which I declare an interest) not only confirmed its backing for the Circle of Time project at Greenwicht, it also declared the exhibition robust enough to proceed. It will happen. At least £350 million will be involved, of which £200 mil-

from the National Lottery and the rest from business sponsorship. The commission is not a government department and could not back an exhibition on a wing, a

prayer and a bottomless pocket, as to feel that this is partly its show. exhibitions.

The Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich will be the most spectacular show in Europe. Not Germany, not France, not Italy, certainly not Brussels, have anything comparable in mind. The Circle of Time proposed by Gary Withers and his team at Imagination will be unveiled next month. At the top of the Greenwich peninsula a circular clock of 12 zones, covering a footprint the size of a stadium. will chime away the millennium year. Each pavilion will embrace a temporal theme: time past, time future, discovery time, life time, space time, world time. Its motto might be Horace's Carpe Diem:

seize each day before it escapes. The exhibition will be unlike any other I have seen, but is loosely based on the "experience" shows popular in America. These make use of multimedia, audiovisual and interactive displays, as at America's Smithsonian Museum and the burgeoning science exploratoriums. Just as zoo visitors no longer want to see animals in cages, so exhibition visitors are no longer overawed by objects in cases or pictures on walls. They look to be

transported, in time or space, to be intellectually and emotionally en-gaged. (A brilliant if grim example is the American Holocaust Museum in Washington.) As London found last year on VE-Day, even those with no connection with an anniversary will happily join in its celebration.

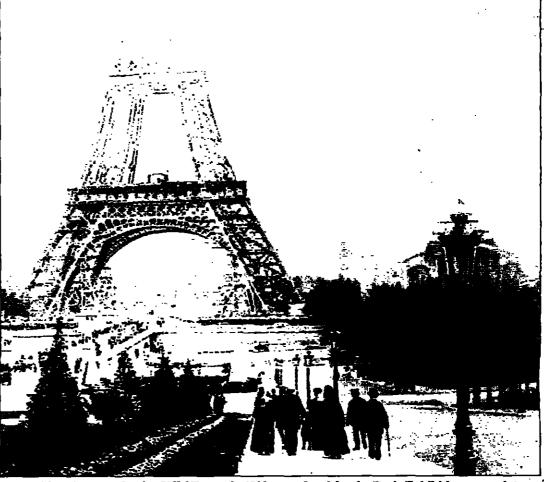
The millennium show (on a site a mile downstream of Greenwich Palace) will be in a still depressed part of London. It will emphasise and use the River Thames and the new Tube link to the East End, thus joining the Isle of Dogs development in shifting London's centre of gravity away from the West End. Equally important, the exhibition will not just be in London. From the end of next year a number of giant spheres will travel round British cities, each invit-

ing local contributions to the theme of time. These spheres will come to Greenwich in 2000 as part of the Circle. Every corner of the nation will thus have its stake in the exhibition and be able

that the millennium concept has brought out the British genius for paradox. As a frequent sceptic of such rituals, I have found it salutary to encounter the fierce cynicism with which many Britons approach anything that smacks of celebration. Thus, if an exhibition might celebrate the past, it is shamefully neglecting the future. If it celebrates the world, it is failing to stand up for Britain. If it celebrates Britain, it is narrowly chauvinist. It is outrageous to mount a big show in London, vet equally outrageous to hold a national exhibition anywhere else.

The ambition of the Greenwich show is to sweep aside these paradoxes. The last collective display of British national spirit was the 1951 Festival of Britain. It was a Herculean undertaking at a time of postwar austerity, its momentum supplied by a small coterie of likeminded designers and exhibitors. Despite appalling weather, the South Bank show was a success because it was completed with panache. It had stylistic conviction because it was led from the top and from the public sector.

This leadership has been denied



the Millennium Commission, No. paradox has been as great as that which underpins the exhibition's constitution. When the Lottery was set up, a Government nervous that funds raised from gambling might be spent by the great and good on personal foibles insisted that the distributors could only make grants. They could not initiate projects themselves. The approach reflected the Thatcherite enthusiasm for privatisation and distaste for public-sector leadership.

In the case of the millennium celebrations, the commission could ask if anyone wanted a celebration. and subsidise it. It could not propose or plan its own. The exhibition had to be privately sponsored and privately run. This hands-off approach has proved a close-run thing. Central and local government will help with infrastructure. But the exhibition will be in the hands of a private company. chaired by Robert Ayling of British Airways. Its only grant will come from the lottery. Development gain from the project remains a matter of negotiation, but the project is still within its critical path.

Public gambling is a controver-sial way of financing public projects. Lottery money can easily become a substitute for normal public expenditure. One virtue of the lottery was the insistence that money raised would be for projects that would not normally get taxpayer support. For the arts, sport and local and national charities the money is mostly for one-off buildings or other capital works, not for routine costs covered by internal revenue or existing public expendi-ture. The lottery is for the exceptional, the not-absolutely-necessary, the minority case. This has given lottery projects a status distinct from, say, hospitals and schools and protected them from the harsh

language of priorities. Nonetheless, whenever other people's money is used in this way there are cries of unfair. The welfare state always sings the best tunes. With public investment under perpetual squeeze in Britain, those who claim any money for public buildings must, I believe, be prepared to stand up and defend them. The Millennium Exhibition is such a project. It is likely to cost the lottery £200 million. Many of Britain's biggest companies have supported it with their sponsorship. Both the Government and the Opposition are determined it should go ahead. But the challenge is on to prove the game worth this giant candle.

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n one of his more poignant comments on the British. Burke said that "those who carry on great public schemes must be proof against the most fatiguing delays, the most mortifying disappointments, the most shocking insults and the presumptuous judgment of the ignorant on their designs". I am convinced that the Millennium Exhibition can meet such a challenge, but only by being sensational, by its sheer quality, by exciting and astonishing the world. Britain is constantly accused of no longer being able to stage something truly big and spectacular - something to which the Victorian epithet great could be applied. I believe it can.

Simon Jenkins is a member of the Millennium Commission.

# Not cricket

FOR THE first time during a Test match which England could win. The Test and County Cricket Board has taken the extraordinary decisections of the crowd will be praying for rain at Lord's today. In a break with tradition, England's Euro 96 quarter-final with Spain will be shown on the big screen overlooking the ground — but only if the cricket is off.

Normally the screen, situated above the Edrich Stand at Lord's. shows replays and highlights from the cricket in progress on the field.



Dearly beloved. We are gathered here . . .

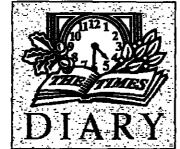
sion to show "the winter game" because of the unparalleled excitement about the fixture.

· A number of tickets have been returned to Lord's by cricket followers who have decided to watch the football instead. The radios of those who do turn up are less likely to be tuned into ball-by-ball commentary than into the England-Spain match. As always at Lord's, they will only be allowed with an accompanying earphone.

Should the weather hold, the only option for football fans will be to sneak away at 3pm to a nearby pub. The television sets dotted around the members' areas are jealously guarded by those who turn up for the event but follow proceedings on the box. "There will be no football watching in here," growled one gin-soaked sentinel of the TV room yesterday.

#### Barking mad

PRESIDENTIAL candidate Bob Dole's yapping dog created some tension the other day among neighbours of his apartment in the Wa-



septuagenarian couple fuelled by pre-prandial Martinis passed the door of his flat, sparking the mutt into its customary barking frenzy. The lady fell to her hands and knees and started barking back, scratching at the door. Her partner looked on, convulsed with giggles.

After minutes of barking, she looked up to see a polished brogue step neatly over her. A key turned and the door opened. Mr Dole had returned home. Combining the dignity of Captain Mainwaring with the sangfroid of Baroness Thatcher, he ignored his lunatic neighbours and stepped inside.

 Alison Moyet, the singer who will be belting out her version of the national anthem today for the football at Wembley, is delighted to have been asked to perform even though it will be the first time she has left her four-week-old daughtergate building, Washington. A ter, Caitlin. "I agreed so I could get

tickets for the match," says the devoted Southend fan.

#### Pink whisky

OUENTIN CRISP, the 88-year-old queen of camp, arrived floppy-hatted in Edinburgh from New York yesterday to launch his own brand of whisky, the Quentin Crisp Single Cask. Despite rumblings among some of the more traditional kiltwearers, Scotland's homosexual community has been hailing this as the world's first whisky for gays.

"I'm looking forward to having a little drink of whisky later on," said the frail old gent when he arrived.



Moyet: national anthem

"And I'm hoping to bump into an old boozing buddy. I can't remember his name but he was a fat man who drank all day long." Now there aren't many people of that de-scription in Scotland, I'm sure.

• Fancy footwork from Tony Blair's First XI. His office has rescheduled the launch of a document called Road to the Manifesto on June 26 in case it clashes with an England semi-final. As I reported this week, the Prime Minister is to make a key speech on the constitution at the Centre for Policy Studies just as the game kicks off. He clearly has less faith in the team than Mr Blair.

#### **Short story**

CLARIDGE'S Hotel has narrowly escaped a drugs and dwarfs orgy, if the writer Will Self is to be believed. Self enjoys boasting of his consumption of illegal drugs and recently stayed at the hotel, planning with a group of pals to "lay waste to the minibar" and then consume South American "head-borne honking" powder off the bald pate of a dwarf called Henriques.

It seems his planning was all talk. He managed to drink a fair amount, but felt "hideously out of place" in the hotel. "We couldn't find the wherewithal to trash the place," he writes in Esquire maga-



zine. To cap all this, he didn't man-

age to take any drugs. His excuse? Henriques cut his head shaving.

#### Cheek by jowl

COULD they by any chance be related? Craig Livingstone, the director of the White House personnel security office who was dismissed on Wednesday, bears a striking resemblance to one of our most likeable parliamentarians, Lord Strathclyde.

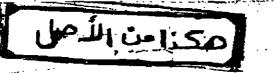
Thomas Strathclyde, a comfortably-built Tory peer who enjoys a good lunch as well as a flutter on the horses, has an unenviable job



Transatlantic cousins? Livingstone, left, and Strathclyde -

as Government Chief Whip in the House of Lords. He was the yourgest-ever Privy Counsellor, and he was game enough to take on as his first public engagement the launch & of an on-street poop-scoop dispenser scheme. I am assured that, while Livingstone has taken "administrative leave", Strathclyde goes from strength to strength.

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's colt Struggler lived up to its name yesterday in the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot. The nag failed to finish in the first six.



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#### A HUMAN WRONG

#### Britain must find better remedies for unfounded asylum claims

The Government's policy of depriving some categories of applicants for refugee status of social security benefits, in force since February, has received a stinging rebuke in the Court of Appeal. By a majority of two to one, the judges found that the regulations introduced by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, are an unlawful pre-emption of the will of Parliament. The Government claims that it lost only on the "narrow" issue that primary legislation is necessary. On the contrary: the court's findings rested on the broadest possible basis.

In the words of Lord Justice Simon Brown, these regulations "necessarily contemplate for some a life so destitute that to my mind no civilised nation can tolerate it. So basic are the human rights here at issue that it cannot be necessary to resort to the European Convention on Human Rights to take note of their violation." He had no quarrel with Mr Lilley's aim of discouraging economic migrants from pursuing asylum claims. But he insisted that Parliament cannot have intended the actual result. which is to force genuine asylum-seekers either to abandon their claims to refugee status, or to persist while reduced to "a state of utter destitution". Lord Justice Waite, assenting, argued that it rendered the rights of a very large number of asylum-seekers rights recognised by Britain under international law - "valueless in practice".

The Government's case is twofold: that Britain's generous benefits have encouraged a surge of bogus claims; and that British taxpayers should not be expected to support people whose claims are spurious. It has therefore abolished benefits for two large categories of applicants — those who applied only after arriving in this country, rather than at the port of entry, and those waiting for their appeals against rejected applications to be heard. It argues, further, that bogus applications have clogged up the system of review, and that this deterrent will speed it up to the benefit of genuine refugees. The problem with regulations drafted so

sweepingly is that they affect genuine refugees along with bogus claimants. One example illustrates how ill-conceived this is. The Government this week accepted a Lords amendment to the Bill, agreeing that individuals who claim that they have been tortured are entitled to a specially thorough consideration of their claim. But if they fall into these two wide categories, they will still be deprived of benefits.

In the four months that these regulations have been in force, there has been some diminution in applications for asylum. But the backlog of unheard applications is still 67,630. Even with extended "fast track" procedures, new claims take an average of 19 months to process. Some take far longer; at the end of last year, 15 per cent of those who applied for asylum in 1991 still had not had their cases heard: the appeals process can take up to three years. Deprived of benefit and in many cases forbidden to work, how are those in this long queue to live? By begging? By crime? There is a case for adopting the practice followed in other European countries, where asylum-seekers receive hostel accommodation and essentials but little or no cash. There is none for discriminatory deprivation.

There is a better way to lighten the burden on taxpayers, deter bogus applicants and lessen the agony of prolonged uncertainty for genuine refugees. It is to the evident malfunctioning in the Home Office - and in the deportation services, which secure the departure from Britain of only a tiny percentage of those whose applications are finally rejected — that ministers should look. The Dutch Government processes 16 per cent of applicants within 24 hours, and immediately deports those it rejects. It cannot be beyond the powers of invention for Britain to speed up its procedures. The denial of benefits is the wrong remedy for the problem that the Government seeks to address. To persist in this mistaken policy would be to compound the injustice identified by their lordships.

#### **FLORENTINE RIDDLES**

#### Plots, subplots and no definite script for the final act

Niccolò Machiavelli, that Florentine master of political intrigue, would have looked with some amusement upon the commedia being acted out this week in his home city. Each character claims to have played a trick upon the other; and in an arcane subplot, the prince's adviser tries to advance his own erests at mis master's ex

First David Davis: as Machiavelli wrote nearly half a millennium ago, "when you see that the adviser thinks more about himself than about you, and that in all his deeds he seeks his own interests, such a man as this will never be a good adviser and you will never be able to trust him." Mr Davis deserves a Cabinet post in the next reshuffle. But, if he gets one, John Major's decision would be characterised by the Renaissance sage as "excessive mercy".

Secondly, to the main plot: the beef deal hammered out and agreed yesterday, is, according to the British, a triumph. A new concession was seemingly added at the last minute on exports to third countries. The wording ensures that decisions about lifting the beef bans will be taken purely on scientific and public health grounds by the European Commission. Member states will not be able to object to its decision, and nor will politics be allowed to intrude.

This is a hope more than a claim. As an article of fact it has as much force as a love song from a Florentine waiter. Our partners remain wary. The third country addendum was instantly dismissed as meaningless by representatives of other member states. The British may be delighted that decisions are to be unclouded by politics. The others see the clause as protecting their own public health from Britain's politics.

The Commission alone does not have the power to declare that, at any stage, a ban should be lifted. It can recommend as much to the standing veterinary committee, made up of vets from each member state. But that committee then has to vote on the Commission's recommendation, and could easily

Science and public health are not clear-cut issues. When market confidence is at stake. who is to say whether caution is political or scientific? Given that the scientists themselves cannot agree on how big a risk BSE poses to human health, it is not possible to define with precision what a purely sciencebased decision could be.

When Mr Major returns to the House of Commons on Monday, he will try to mollify his backbenchers by putting approximate dates on the lifting of each stage of the ban. Stung by Labour's barb that he has not won a timetable from Florence, he may be tempted to pretend that these are guarantees rather than estimates. The bans will be lifted if and when Britain meets its side of the bargain and the other member states meet theirs. Only a soothsayer could predict them with any exactitude.

But what would have been the alternative? Had Britain held out for longer, the other EU members would doubtless have sat out the disruption until the general election, which might, as a result, have come even sooner. As it is, Tory backbenchers know that this is an issue containing seeds of total destruction for the Government. That is why, despite their unease, they may decide not to cause trouble when beef is debated on Tuesday. Otherwise, the whole business might spiral out of control.

#### SCOTT'S MYTHS

#### Spinning yarns can inspire as much as spinning webs

Scotland is the land of myths and bold untruthfulness. Tall tales are woven around Caledonian heroes thicker than any Harris tweed. From Bonnie Prince Charlie's flight through the heather to Birnam Wood's march on Dunsinane the stories of Scotland's past are particularly embroidered in the telling. Like the Faerie Flag that hangs behind glass in Dunvegan Castle, most of these myths are too beautiful, fragile and inspiring to bear too close an inspection.

Now one of the most precious stories ever attached to the name of a Great Scot has fallen subject to rude revisionism. Historians say that Robert the Bruce never saw the spider whose persistence spurred him to try and try again. Arguing that Bruce never encountered the energetic arachnid is akin to claiming that William Tell was a bad shot. that George Washington framed the footman for the cherry tree incident or that El Cid couldn't handle a horse. It is a direct hit on the reputation of a nation's founding father. In Bruce's case, it is all the more

wounding for most likely being true. As we report on page 15 no mention of Bruce's seeing the spider was made in the first account of his life. The Bruce, a 14th century epic poem by the Aberdonian cleric John Barbour. The first occasion on which a spider story surfaces in a printed source is in Home of Godscroft's chronicle of the doings of the Douglas family where Bruce's general, the Black Douglas, is said to have been inspired by the plucky little fellow. Douglas was one of the tiny band who stayed true to Bruce in the dark days before victory - a slim source of historical hope for his politically embattled descendant, the Scots Tory MP Lord James Douglas-Hamilton.

The spider was snatched, so to speak, from Douglas's grasp and thrown into Bruce's lap by Scotland's most elegant mythmaker. Sir Walter Scott. The Laird of Abbotsford was past master at playing fast and loose betwixt fact and fiction. He put the Hanoverian King George IV in a pantomime version of the Highland dress his ancestor had once proscribed. In his novels. Scott made heroes of Whiggish Covenanters and Tory Jacobites alike: his historical tapestry was as complex, colourful, bewildering and bogus as any souvenir tartan.

Behind all Scott's ingenuity lay the Romantic Tory wish to construct a glorious past for Scots that would help them to flourish in the Union as proud partner rather than sullen satellite. In order to serve the greater truth, that Scotland had much to be proud of, Scott took liberties with smaller truths, such as which bonny fechter was inspired in his cave by the spider. Scott's story may have been as flimsily fixed to evidence as was the spider's web to the cave. But, as Scott knew well, not even Scotland's cause is so noble that it can do without a spin-doctor.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Teaching teachers classroom criteria

From Mr Michael Reading

Sir. I welcome your leading article today emphasising the need for newly qualified teachers to have an adequate level of practical classroom skills, but I am puzzled by the Education Secre-tary's apparent sudden need to establish a national curriculum for teacher training courses.

Governors and others appointing teachers rely on the fact that those teachers are "recognised" as qualified by Mrs Shephard's own department as evidenced by the teacher's individual Department for Employment and Education number - and on the fact that the teacher will have achieved qualified teacher status by successful completion of a course which the DIEE has recognised or approved.

Are we now to assume that the Education Department has been granting . approval for such courses without having any minimum criteria of what is required in the classroom, but now magically has all the answers? Or have the Secretary of State and her predecessors been presiding over a department which knew all the time what was required - but failed in its duty to use that knowledge?

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL READING, Haven House. 364 Chessington Road, Ewell, Surrey.

From Mrs R. Pożerskis

Sir, I reacted with incredulous laughter to the idea that teachers' colleges should teach teachers the basic skills of teaching. What, might I ask, is taught at the moment?

Yours faithfully, R. POZERSKIS, 46 The Woodlands. Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

From Mr Steve Mills

Sir. I was disappointed to see your leading article recycling tired old prejudices about what goes on inside teacher-training institutions. No lec-turers known to me "spend a large proportion of their time talking about the psychology of education", not least because, under the Government circulars 16/89 and 14/93, there simply isn't

time for such perceived frivolity.

Of course, the distillation of best practice ought to be central to what goes on in our teacher training. It will come as a surprise to those who do not wish for facts to intrude upon a good prejudice, that it already is.

Yours disappointedly. S. J. MILLS, 65 Norton Road, Woodley, Reading, Berkshire.

From Mrs E. Graham

Sir, I couldn't agree more with your leading article that the best place for trainee teachers to learn is in school.

Over 30 years ago, when I was at teacher-training college in Scotland. students in the first year were sent on teaching practice every Friday — even in the first week of the first term. Neryous as we all were it proved to be invaluable. Our experiences were used in discussions Monday to Thursday in both the refectory and in the lecture

In the second year we went to another school for a whole term. By the end of our third and final year we had observed a variety of teaching methods used by experienced members of staff in three different schools. We appreciated also the many unforeseen everyday problems which can arise when coping with a class of children.

Yours faithfully, E. GRAHAM, 18 Brighton Road, Banstead, Surrey.

From Dr Gordon Van Praagh

Sir, According to George Bernard Shaw, "He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches". I would add: "He who cannot teach, trains teachers."

Yours faithfully, GORDON VAN PRAAGH, 25 Blackwater Lane, Crawley, West Sussex. June 18.

#### As she is wrote

From Mr Richard Finer

Sir, It is normally hoped that students emerging from our universities are well educated and more knowledge-able than they were in their chosen fields of study. What is not explained in the prospectuses is that students. like me, who want to enjoy any sort of social life must first learn another lan-I refer, of course, to the corrupted

form of English which nightclubs and bars, amongst others, feel they must use to communicate to their clients.
We are constantly told that there will be cheap drinks all nite, and that entry is B4 llpm. If all this is not enough, a university triend wrote to me expressing her thanx and ended by sending me losa luy.

Doesn't anybody write the Queen's English anymore?

Yours faithfully, RICHARD FINER. 24 Jesmond Way. Stanmore, Middlesex.

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#### Fair methods of controlling the export of works of art

From Mr George J. Levy

Sir. Next month the important pair of side tables made for Chiswick House, which surely should be returned to Chiswick, are to be sold. This sale highlights once again the imponder-ables of raising sufficient funds before an auction to ensure the success of keeping furniture, paintings or other works of art of national importance in this country, when the owner prefers the auction gamble to offering such artefacts directly to the nation fletters. May 27, 31; June 17).

Auction is, of course, a means of establishing the open-market value which a buyer is prepared to pay, but the nation knows that if the destination is overseas the Reviewing Committee of the Export of Works of Art is waiting in the wings to put a temporary stop on the object leaving the country. This is in order to give our institutions an opportunity of raising matching funds to keep the object in Britain. But isn't this a bit like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut?

In any case, the procedure poses problems for both vendors and purchasers. The vendor receives neither funds nor interest on the capital during the period of the export stop (which in certain circumstances could be as long as two years); and the overseas buyer is kept in suspense during this period, not knowing if he will ever own what he has purchased.

A far more satisfactory method might be to encourage owners, in the first instance, to seek the advice of the Museums and Galleries Commission in establishing, through independent assessors, a fair value with which a deal could be struck privately with the nation. The MGC already takes on this responsibility well for the Government when works of art are ceded to the nation in satisfaction of inheri-tance tax. Why not also for cases such as the Chiswick tables — only using auction as a last resort?

Yours faithfully, EORGE J. LEVY, H. Blairman & Sons Ltd. 119 Mount Street, Wl.

From the Director of the Tate Gallery Sir, I fully support the comments made by the Chairman of the Museums and Galleries Commission (let-ter, June 17) on the 1994 refusal of an export licence for The Painter's Room by Lucian Freud (1943).

This case raises two issues about the export of work by living artists. The first is whether there should be such a ban, and it is my view that there will be rare occasions when the early work of a living artist is of such quality that a stop is appropriate.

The Secretary of State for National

Law Bill. The report stage on Monday

covered a number of important amendments, some of which were

Your front page report refers to a

number of amendments. If any of

your readers wished to know what the

amendments were, however, or how

they were decided, they would have

Matthew Parris wrote his parlia-

mentary sketch with his customary

skill and wit, or to page 18 where a

feature by Libby Purves recognised

the importance of family life and

They were referred to page 2, where

subject to free votes.

looked in vain.

Heritage is currently asking for views on this and the Tate has submitted a paper which argues that a stop should depend on the merit of the work, rather than whether the artist is alive or dead. The export licensing rules are there to allow Britain to retain truly

outstanding works of any period. There is also the problem of what happens when the export is stopped, a public institution makes an offer of the full value, but the exporter wants neither to sell nor to display the work in Britain. The purchaser of this Freud has declined an offer from the Tate Gallery, which was made with the support of the Priends of the Tate Gallery, the National Art Collections Fund and the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

In view of Mr J. W. T. Martin's comments (letter, May 27) I think it should be explained that works of art (along with drugs and armaments) are exempt from the European Community's principle of free movement of goods. Also that the British Government's rules controlling the export of works of art are exceptionally fair. and that in many countries the export of such a painting would simply not be allowed in any circumstances.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS SEROTA, Tate Gallery, Millbank, SWI.

#### Standard of current affairs reporting

From Mr Tim Renton, MP for Mid Sussex (Conservative)

Sir, Your leader, "The fallen mighty" (June 18), totally misses the point of the Commons motion on standards of reporting in the press signed by more than 50 MPs, including seven from the Opposition.

It does not demand more space on your pages for House of Commons debates or stories. It asks for a higher standard, from the broadsheets, of the reporting and analysis of current af-fairs, including politics, and suggests that "the editors of those national papers that aim to contribute significantly to opinion-forming should demonstrate a more serious and less personal approach, and seek to achieve more balanced coverage and comment in relation to public issues and political development".

Less personal? Your leader names me five times, imputing - surprisingly and extraneously - various malevolent intentions to me because I am a known pro-European. The relevance escapes me. From the tone of the leader, I suspect that our dart has hit a bulls-eye in Wapping.

Yours truly.
TIM RENTON. House of Commons.

From Sir Timothy Sainsbury, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP for Wealden (Conservative)

Sir, There was widespread agreement about the importance of the Family

MP for Hove (Conservative), and

of power where it is exercised?

Yours faithfully, TIM SAINSBURY, GEOFFREY JOHNSON SMITH. House of Commons.

#### Lord's Prayer

From Mr David Powell

Sir, It is the meaning of the Lord's Prayer, not the wording (report, June 17), that is paramount. Any attempt by the Churches to get nearer to it in modern English is to be welcomed. But our Christian MPs have long

failed to support the position of the mainstream Churches, whether it be on Sunday trading, the National Lottery (which breaks at least two of the Ten Commandments), or aid to the poorest of the poor.

Yours sincerely, DAVID POWELL, 31 Bush Hill, Northampton.

From Mr E. G. Faulder Sir, I feel sure that the proposal to substitute in the Lord's Prayer the line 'Save us from the time of trial" for "Lead us not into temptation", will meet with the wholehearted approval of the persons who recently, on three

separate occasions, burgled our par-

Yours etc. E. G. FAULDER, Oakbank, Longtown, Carlisle, Cumbria.

From Mr A. W. Bell Sir, Why not simply say: "Lead us out of temptation"? Yours faithfully. 18 Carlton Approach,

#### Organ transplants

Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

gans/vegetarians and people of certain religious denominations opposed both to the use of animals for food and the use of animal organs for sparepart surgery, not necessarily for ethical reasons but because of the all too apparent lack of success? The medical establishment should be addressing

Those who received early editions were also referred to page 8, headed "Politics and Government", where

your legal correspondent detailed the changes in the new law, but this did not appear in the later editions. Yet the Tuesday paper had space for

two pages on the way, we eat, major re-ports on Maryland crab fishers and archaeological research at the Tower "Woman suffered severe trauma after strippagram" and "Husband threw wife overboard in marital storm".

Is this what you mean when your editorial defends your papers's failure to report Parliament on the grounds that you are concerned about "the use

#### Painted ladies

From Dr Denis F. Owen

Sir, It is not just East Anglia that has received swarms of painted lady butterflies (News in brief, June 12). Reports from around the country suggest a huge northward migration on a front extending from East Kent to Dorset and the Gower Peninsula.

On June 7, assisted by a warm southerly wind, they migrated northward through my garden at a rate of 72 an hour. The migration continued non-stop for seven hours. Over 500 must have passed through the garden on a front about 10 metres wide. These figures indicate a phenomenal northward movement on just one day.

My garden has also received exceptional numbers of immigrant moths, especially silver-Ys and rush veneers, as well as rarer species, such as bordered straws and small mottled wil-

This mass exodus from North Africa and southern Europe is probably the biggest since the memorable painted-lady years of 1945 and 1947. It is tempting to ascribe unusual weather of some sort as the cause, but the truth is that no one really knows. "expert" claims notwithstanding.

But it is certain that something must have gone wrong to the south of us for so many painted ladies to flee

Yours sincerely, DENIS F. OWEN, 42 Little Wittenham Road. Long Wittenham, Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

From Mrs June O'Sullivan

Sir, Sir Magdi Yacoub's view (article, June 10) that it would be hypocrisy to criticise people for using animal or-gans for human heart transplants because man already eats them, defies

What about the views of ve-

the failure to prevent and control the diseases that are occurring at an ever increasing rate, and which create the need for organs to be transplanted.

No mention is ever made that the cost alone prohibits transplantation occurring on the grand scale envisaged by the expectant public and media hungry surgeons and researchers.

Yours faithfully, J. O'SULLIVAÑ, Bromley Common, Bromley, Kent.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

#### Ulster's future

From Mr J. Enoch Powell

Sir, Congratulations on Simon Jenkins's contribution on Northern Ire-land ("Death of a Peace Process", June 19). The only salvation for Northern Ireland is to govern it like any other part of the United Kingdon, that is to say with local government having responsibility but only for the same subjects as in the rest of the United Kingdom, which remain to be dealt with by Parliament, where Ulster is fully re-

That is the only way to entrench the Union and put an end to the hopes of the IRA, which will carry on as long as there is a prospect of detaching Ulster

I am, sir, your obedient servant, ENOCH POWELL. 33 South Eaton Square, SWl.

#### Criminal records

From Dr Kingsley Jones Sir, I have found no reference in your report (June 20) to the right of wouldbe employees (ie, most of us) to access the criminal records of potential employers. It would be very helpful to a cleaning lady to know if her new boss

had "form" for credit fraud or sexual

harassment. Yours faithfully, K. JONES. The Firs, 19 Norton Road. Loddon, Norwich, Norfolk.

June 20.

#### Left holding the baby

From Mrs Susan A. Sussman

Sir. It's really terribly simple: most women are right-handed, therefore it is logical to carry your baby on the left and leave the right hand free for other tasks (report, June 21). Most scientists are male and would not consider doing two things at the same time.

Yours faithfully, S. SUSSMAN. 55 Springfield Road, NW8.

The bear facts From Mrs Diana May

Sir, Your diary reports (June 17) that Jonathan Miller has "gone public" in a radio programme about his passion for the duffel coat. But where is the BBC's ursine sartorial correspondent?

Rupert Bear, he of the red sweater, vellow checked trousers and matching scarf, should never be confused with Paddington Bear, who eschewed Peruvian national costume in favour of wellies, sou'wester and, memorably, duffel coat.

Yours etc, DIANA MAY, 265 Swakeleys Road, Ickenham, Middlesex. June 17.

#### **Fuming**

From the Rector of Framlingham

Sir, One hopes that your advice to vulcanologists not to mess with Vesuvius (leading article, June 19) will not go unheeded. However, a greater provocation to the mountain must surely be the early ejection of the talented Italian football team from Euro 96, to the

dismay of all lovers of flair in sport. The Italian nation must make such propitiation to the volcano as may be necessary. As for the European footballing authorities, they should in all future competitions guarantee Italy a place in the quarter-finals, no matter how badly she does in the earlier rounds, or accept responsibility for the volcanic consequences.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD WILLCOCK Framlingham Rectory, Suffolk.

#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE June 21: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Ascot races with her presence

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 21: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's

Award, this evening attended a Musical Evening and Dinner at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London SEIO. BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 21: The Princess Royal today

attended Divisions in Fareham. Her Royal Highness, President,

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Princess Royal, as Patron of Minchinhampton Centre for the Elderly, will attend a garden party at Horsfall House, Windmill Road, Gloucestershire, at 3.00.

Masons' Company The following have been elected officers of the Masons' Company

for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr Barry Murray Woodman: Upper Warden, Mr Patrick
Alexander Copland; Renter Warden, Mr Neil Richard Barnes.

#### Society of Young Freemen

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Young Freemen for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr Piers Llewelyn Jones: Vice-Chairman, Mr Mich-

#### Academy of Experts

The Academy of Experts, the professional association of expert vithesses, has formed the Facult of Mediation, Lord Slynn of Had ley, PC, President of the Academy is to be its first head. Lord Howe of Aberavon, QC, is to succeed Lord

#### Appointments Lieutenancy of Essex

Christopher Ferens Pertwee of The Bishops House, Frating, Colchester, to be a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Essex The British Council

Professor David Crystal and Michael Bichard to be members of the board of the British Council. Royal Academy of Arts

David Gordon to be Secretary of the Royal Academy of Arts.

Third Sunday after Trinity

ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.15 S

Euch: 630 Choral E.

BELFAST CATHEDRAL: 10 HC; I I S Euch. Darke in E. O thou the central orb (Wood): 3.30 Choral E. Murrill in E. Evening Hymn

(Gardiner). BIEMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP: 9.15 HC: 11 Choral Euch, Deus misereatur (R Johnson), Ave verum (Byrd), Rev V Coly; 4 Choral E.

Johnson, Ave verum (Byrd, Rev v Chy; 4
Choral E
BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.15
Choral M. If ye love me (Tallis): 10.30 Euch,
Wood in the phryglan mode. The Very Rev L
Jackson: 6 Songs of Praise.
BRISTOI. CATHEDRAL: College Green:
7.40 M; 8 HC: 10 Choral Euch, Missa Sanci
Joannes de Deo (Haydri), Be filled with the
Spirit (Bramma). Canon J Simpson: 3.30
Choral E, Jackson in G. Vox dicentis
(Naylor), Canon A Redierm.
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M.
Rev Dr A Phillips: 11 S Euch, Missa Pestiva
(Peeters), Tanhum ergo (Durufel, Rev Dr A
Phillips: 3.15 E. Stanford in G, Salve Regina
(Foulenc): 6.30 Comptine. Rev P Brett.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8 HC;
10.30 S Euch, Ireland in C, Let all mortal
flesh (Balistow), Archdeacon D Turnbuli; 3
E. Justorum animae (Stanford), And I saw a
new hestven (Balinton).

E Justorum antimae (Stanford), and I saw a new heaven (Balbton).

CHELMSPORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC, The Vice President; 9.30 Euch. Rev Jones: 11.15 S Euch. Ireland in C. Agnus Dei, Canon D Knight: 4 Baptism: 6 Choral E. Stanford in G. O how glorious (Harwood), Canon D Knight: 4 Baptism: 6 Choral E. Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Rev T Baker: 11.30 Choral M., Te Deum (Stanford in A), Benedictus; 2 Royal British Legion Thanksgiving; 3.30 Choral E. Chichester Serivce (Walton), Lord thou hast been our refuge (Baltstow); 6.30 Evening, Canon O Conway.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC 10 M

CONWAY.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 10 M.
STRINGTO IN A. LISTEN SWEET dOVE (IVES). The
Priest Vicar: 11 S Euch. Missa Brevis
(Palestrina). Here 0 my Lord (Walkert, Rev G
Hall: 3.30 E. Stanford in A. I will pour out
my spirit (Naylori, Rev D Mouershead.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Oxford: 8
HC: 10 M & Sermon, Yaughan Williams In

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 8

British Olympic Association, this evening attended a Race Night at International Convention

> Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr Robert

Centre, Broad Street, Birming-

ham, and was received by

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 21: The Prince of Wales this morning received the Chief Coastgard (Commander Derek Ancona) upon relinquishing his

His Royal Highness. Patron. Music in Country Churches, this evening attended a Concert at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire.

#### School news Dulwich Preparatory School

Dulwich Preparatory School, Cranbrook is holding its inaugural meeting for former pupils, on Saturday, October 12, 1996. Anyone wishing to join the association should contact the school for further information, before Friday,

Perrott Hill School Perrott Hill School celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year. All old boys and girls are invited to anend a special Anniversary Re-

July 12. Tel: 01580 712179.

union at the school on Saturday. luly 6. For further details contact the Headmaster, Mr James Barnes, Perrott Hill School, North Perrott, Crewkerne, Somerset, Scattdiffe School

September 1996 will mark the start of the centenary year. As an initial celebration the Governors and nembers of the Vickers family held a lunch party at the school on Sunday, June 16.

Old Boys, who attended the school between 1925 and 1975, were the principal guests. Younger Old Boys will be invited to a reception in June of next year.

#### University news

New College, Oxford ing fellowships from 1 October 1996: The college has elected the follow-

Official Fellowship: Anna Chris-tina Nobre. Official Fellow in Psychology. Honorary Fellowships: Harvey McGregor, QC: Sir David Lumsden; Sir William Utting. Junior Research Fellowships: Rob-

ert John Miller, W.W. Spooner Junior Research Fellowship: Mark Philip Pobjoy, Esmée Fairbairn Junior Research Fellowship; Stone, Juliana Cuyler Matthews Junior Research Fellow-

#### Luncheon

Scriveners' Company The Duke of Norfolk, KG, Earl Marshal, yesterday unveiled lists of Masters and Clerks of the Scriveners' Company at a cere mony held aboard HQS Welling ton. The Master, Mr HJ.W. Harman, presided at a reception and court luncheon held afterwards. Past Masters and Liverymen and their ladies were present

#### Concerts

La Camerata Princess Michael of Kent was present at a Midsummer Night's Concert given by La Camerata Friends of Music Orchestra, of Athens last night at One Whitehall Place. The Directors of the European Academy for the Arts and the Directors of Lifeline International were the hosts.

Byron Society

The Byron Society held a concert last night at Leighton House with opera Italiana presenting excerpts from operas based on Lord Byron's plays and poems. Lord Abinger and Sir Frank Roberts, vice-presi-dents, and Mr Derek Wise, chairman, were among those present.

#### Service dinners

**Durham Light Infantry** Lieutenant-Colonel G.J. Maughan presided at the annual dinner of the Durham Light Infantry held last night at the Army and Navy Club.

No 616 (South Yorkshire) Squadron

The Mayor of Doncaster was present at the reunion dinner of No 616 (South Yorkshire) Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force Association, held last night at Doncaster Mansion House. Wing Com-mander Eric King presided. Air Vice-Marshal Johnnie Johnson and Air Commodore Graham Pitchfork were among the guests.

#### Church news

Archdeacon of Nottingham The Rev Canon Gordon Ogilvie Team Rector, St Paul's, Harlow New Town, and an Honorary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral diocese of Chelmsford, is to be Archdeacon of Nottingham, di ocese of Southwell, succeeding the Ven Tom Walker, who retired earlier this year. Canon Ogilvie, 53, expects to take up the post by the beginning of October.

The Right Rev John Gaisford Suffragan Bishop of Beverley and Provincial Episcopal Visitor, province of York, to be also an Honorary Assistant Bishop in the diocese of Ripon. The Rev Ronald Attley. Chaplain to HMYOI, Deerbolt (Durham), to

Church, Clevedon (Bath & Wells).

be Vicar, St Barnabas, Bath w Englishcombe (Bath and Wells). The Rev Stephen Bailey, Rector, Chadwell St Mary, to be Vicar, Galleywood, St Michael and All Angels (Chelmsford). The Rev Terence Baillie, Vicar, St Michael, Bedminster (Bristol), to be Vicar, St Andrew and Christ

# Birthdays this

weekend

TODAY: Sir Hugh Annesley, Chief Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary, 57; Mr Jack Bailey, former secretary, MCC, 66; Mr Danny Baker, broadcaster, 39: Sir Christopher Booth, gastroenterol-ogist, 72; Lieutenant-General Sir Robin Carnegie, 70; Mr D.H.B. Chesshyre, herald, 56; Mr Gary Connolly, rugby league player, 25. Mr A.P. de Boer, former chair-

Sir Roger Falk, vice-president, Wells Foundation and Trust, 86; Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire, 75; Mr G.S. Hill, solicitor. 69; Professor Sheila Hollins, Professor of the Psychiatry of Mental Handicapped, 50; Mr lan Howe, former chairman. Kwik Save Group, 56; Lord Hunt, KG, leader British expedition to Mount Everest in 1952, 86; Mr Bruce Kent, nuclear disarmament campaigner, 67; Professor D.A. Low, former dent, Clare Hall, Cambridge, 60- Mr R I Montague founder. Tiphook, 48; Mr Gordon Oakes, MP, 65; Mr David Owen, former Chief Constable, North Wales, 65.

man, British Road Federation, 78:

Mr Stuart Randall. MP. 58; 56; Dame Cicely Saunders. OM. under St Christopher's Hospice ydenham, 78: Miss Prunella Scales, actress, 64; Mr Alastair Stewart, broadcaster. 44: Miss Meryl Streep, actress, 47: Lord Wakeham, 64: Mr Billy Wilder, film director, 90: Miss Diana Young, jockey, 40.

Mr Hyman Davidson, of Regent's

Park, London NWI, left estate

He left £75,500 and some effects

to personal legatees, £10,000 each to the Jewish Home and Hospital.

Tottenham, Ravenswood Founda-tion, JNF Charitable Trust and

Leukaemia Research Fund, £5.000 each to the British Technion Soci-

ety, and the British Aid Commit-

tees of the Jewish Institute for the

Hospital, Jerusalem,

Blind, Jerusalem, and the Bikur

£2.000 to Bushey Cemetery, and 70 per cent of the residue to Jewish

Care, for use in providing homes

for elderly Jews, 15 per cent of the residue each to Norwood Child

Care and the Jewish Blind and

Physically Handicapped Society.

Sir Arthur Hilton Poyaton, of

Croydon, Surrey, Permanent Under-Secretary, Colonial office.

1959-66, left estate valued at

He left £250 each to the

Brasenose College, Oxford, and

Dr William Brian Young, of

Grantown-on-Spey, Morayshire, former Director of Radiology at

the Royal Free Hospital, left estate

valued at £185,517 net. He left £500

Mr Philip Adrian Lait, of Epping,

of Epping, Essex, left estate valued at £4,248,748 net.

to St Peter's College, Oxford.

£158,835 net

the Order of St John.

Latest wills

valued at £1.096.874 net.

former Headmaster, Clifton College, 64; Mr Kim Begley, tenor, 44; Professor N.G. Bowery, pharmacologist, 52; the Very Rev Professor Henry Chadwick, KBE, former Master, Peterhouse, Cambridge, 76; Mr Nicholas Cleobury, conductor, 46; Sir David Crouch, former MP, 77; Mr A.M. Davies, chairman, Simon Engineering, 62: Sir Oswald Davies, former chairman, AMEC. 76: Professor Sir John Elliott, historian, 66; Miss Carolyn Ellis, explorer, 34.

Mr S.G. Errington, chairman,

National Association of Citizens

Advice Bureaux, 67; the Right Rev

Haselhurst, MP, 59: Mr Julian

Lord Habgood, 69; Sir

Hipwood, polo player. 50: Lord Irvine of Lairg. QC, 56: Miss Miriam Karlin, acress, 71; Admiral Sir Horace Law. 85: Mr Robert Litherland, MP, 66: Mrs Patricia McLaughlin, former MP, 80: Lord Justice Millett, 64: Lord Newall, chairman, British Greyhound Racing Board, 66; Mrs Anne Owers, director, Justice, 49. Miss Karen Potter, fashion de-signer, 37; Mr John Prebble. writer, 81: Professor Sir Martin Rees, astronomer. 54: Professor Isaac Schapera, anthropologist, 91; Professor Lord Soulsby of waffham Prior, 70; the Right Rev

#### Weekend anniversaries

K.N. Sutton, Bishop of Lichfield. 62: Mr Anthony Thwaite, poet, 66: Colonel J.B. Timmins, Lord

Lieutenant of Greater Manchester.

64: Miss Irene Worth, actress, 80.

BIRTHS: Thomas Day, author. London, 1748; George Vancouver, explorer, King's Lynn, Norfolk, 1757; Karl von Humboldt, statesman and kari yon Humbolot, statesman and philologist, Potsdam, 1767; Guiseppe Mazzini, Italian patriot, Genoa, 1805; Sir Rider Haggard, novelist, West Bradenham Hall, Norfolk, 1856; William MacDougall, psychologist, Chadderton, Lancashire, 1871; James Maxion, chairman of the Indepen-dent Labour Party 1926-31 and 1934- Glasgow, 1885: Sir Julian Huxley, biologist, London, 1887; Erich Re-marque, povelist, Osnabruck, Germany, 1898; Sir Peter Pears, tenor. Farnham, Surrey, 1910.

DEATHS: St John Fisher, bishop. executed, London, 1535; Katherine Philips, poet, London, 1664; Catha-rine Macaulay, historian, Binfield. Berkshire. 1791; Benjamin R. Haydon, painter, London. 1846; Howard Staunton, chess player and Shakespearean scholar. London, 1874;-Sir Henry Wilson, field marshal, assassinated by Sinn Feiners. London, 1922; Moritz Schlick, philosopher, Vienna. 1936; Walter De La Mare, poer and novelist. Twick-enham. Middlesex, 1956; Judy Garennam. Milotolest, 1950; July Garland. 1969; Darius Milhaud, composer, Geneva, 1974; Fred Astaire, dancer and actor, Los Angeles, 1987.

Richard II succeeded to the throne. The MCC and Hertfordshire played the first match at Lord's cricket ground, 1814.

mond jubilee, 1897. The Wallace Collection opened Landan, 1900.

Sir Hugh Annesley of

the RUC is 57 and

Miss Esther Rantzen

the broadcaster is 56

BIRTHS: John Fell, Bishop of Oxford 1675-86. Longworth, Berkshire, 1625: mbanista Vico, philosopher, Naples. 1668: Anna Akhmatova. poet. Boeshoy Fontan, Ukraine, 1899; the Duke of Windsor, sometime Edward VIII. reigned January 20, 1936 to December 11, 1936. White Lodge. Richmond Park, 1894: Jean Anouith. DEATHS: Henry Hudson, navi

gator, cast adrift by mutineers in the bay bearing his name. [6]; Mark Akenside, poet and physician, London, 1770: Sir James Hall, geologist, Edinburgh, 1832: James Mill, Unlitarian philosopher, London. Lady Hester Stanhope traveller and eccentric, Djouni, Mount Leba-non, 1839: Patrick Chalmers, ami-

quary. Rome, 1854: Cecil James Sharp, musician, founder of the English Folk Dance Society, London. 1924: Sir Charles Oman, historian. British troops under Robert Clive defeated the Nawab of Bengal at the Barile of Plassey, 1757.

Adolphe Sax was awarded a paten for the saxophone, 1848. Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected

# Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.W. Angus and Dr J.E. Koch The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Sir Michael and Lady Angus, of North Cerney, Gloucestershire and Janes, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Koch, of Bearsden, East

Mr N.J. Aplin and Miss A. MacCaw

Dunbartonshire.

The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Aplin, of Thurlestone. Kingsbridge, South Devon, and Amanda, youngest daughter of the late Commander Brian MacCaw and of Mrs Tonia MacCaw, of Chartham, Canterbury, Kent Mr T.M. Davies

and Miss S.L. Powell The engagement is announced

between Timothy, younger son of Dr and Mrs J.D. Davies, of East Garston, Berkshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Powell, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Mr J.C. Harrison and Miss C.S.C. Fagard

The engagement is announced between John Conacher, youngest son Mr and Mrs Michael Harrison, of Two Mile Ash, Buckinghamshire, and Caroline, daughte of M Luc Fagard and Mime Thierry Salvador, of Paris, France. Mr F.S. Macleod-Matthews

and Miss V.A. Jones The engagement is announced between Francis, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs A.F. Macleod-Matthews, of Chenies, Buckinghamshire, and Vanessa elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L.W. Jones, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr R. Reisser-Weston and Miss G.L Malpass

The engagement is announced between Rubin, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Weston, of Pimlico, London, and Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs John London.

Mr D.A. Scoular

and Miss P.R. Hewlett The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Phillips, of Maida Vale, London, and Phyllis. daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Hewlett, of Wantage, Oxfordshire.

Mr T.F.W. Varney and Miss A.J. Bakewell

The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr Andrew Varney, of Reynoldston, Gower, and Mrs Imogen Varney, of Rhossili, Gower, and Antonia daughter of Mr John Bakewell, of Tufnell Park, London, and Mrs Jean Bakewell, of Belsize Park, London. Mr I.R Vanghar

and Miss A.S. Davies

The engagement is announced etween Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Randal Vaughan, of Oak ham, Rutland, and Antonia, eldest daughter of Mr Nicholas Davies, of Farnham, Surrey, and Mrs Rosemary Adams, of Chelsea,

The Hon R.A.H. Vivian and Mrs A.C. Brooking The engagement is announced between Richard Anthony Hussey, son of Lord Swansea, of Chels and of the late Miriam, Lady Swansea, and Anna Clementine daughter of Mr Michael Austin, of Melbourne, Australia. and of Mrs. Lynette Austin, of Hong Kong.

#### Marriages

Dr Y. Hai and Dr E.S-K. Cheung

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, June 15, 1996, at St Thomas More Church, Leicester, of Dr Alexander Yui Hui, son of Mr and Mrs Tat-Loon Koh, of Hong Kong, and Or Elaine Siu-Kwok Chemi only daughter of Dr and Mrs Tse-Ming Cheung, of Hong Kong. The Rev Michael O'Donoghue officiated.

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The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Christine Chung, Angela Tsang and Harvey Tsang. Mr Sam Chiu was best man. A reception was held at the Man Ho Restaurant

Mr M.P. Living and Miss D.R. Smith

The marriage took place on Friday, June 21, 1996, at St Mary the Virgin, Frensham, Surrey, between Mr Michael Livingstone, second son of Mr and Mrs Charles Livingstone, and Miss Debra Smith, only daughter of Mrs Colin Gordon.

Mr D. Thomson and Miss S.K. Knight

The marriage took place on Wednesday, June 19, at the John Radeliffe Hospital, Oxford, of Mr David Thomson, son of the late Henry and Gwenllian Thomson, to Miss Sharon Knight, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ken Knight, of Hove, Sussex. The Superintendent Registrar, Mrs Leonara Richardson, officiated. Mr Gerald Stevens was best man

#### Memorial service Dr Jean Lindsay

A memorial service for Dr Jean Olivia Lindsay, former Head-mistress of St George's School for Girls, Edinburgh, was held yes-terday at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Edinburgh. Canon Neville Chamberlain officiated. Mr David J.H.M. Lindsay, son. read the lessons.Mrs James Marshall read O Men of Athens by A.C. Malcolm and Miss Laura M.O. Lindsay, daughter, read from the works of Robert Louis Stevenson, Dr Judith McClure, headmistress, gave an address. headmistress, gave an address.

Among those present were:
Members of the family, ford Clyde (chairman of the council of St George's School), Mrs JJ. d'A. Campbell (Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge), Miss Elicen Mackiniosh (president, Association of Old Girls of St George's School), Mrs Julia Roskill (representing Queen's College London), past and present members of staff and students of St. George's, former Girtonians and many other triends.

(Gibbons).

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon M
Perry; 10 M, Te Deum in G (Yaugham
Williams), Jubilate Deo (Walton), Locus iste
(Bruckner), Canon M Perry; 11.15 HC.
Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina),
Canon R Copplin: 2 St John Ambulance
Brigade, Rev A Duffy; 3.30 E, The Second
Service (Gibbons), This is the record of John
Gibbons!

Communion: 10.30 Euch. Missa Brevis (Britten), Purge me O Lord (Tailis), Canon V Fauil: 3 German Linherans: 3 Polish Lutherans 5.30 E. Purge me O Lord (Tailis), Noble in B minor, This is the record of John (Gibbons).

(Gibbons)
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC. Rev J Inge;
10.30 S Euch, Neison Mass (Haydin),
Laudate Dominum (Mozart), The Dean;
3.45 E. Bairstow in D. Vox dicentis (Nayfor);
6.30 Recital.

Laudale Dominum (Mozard, The Dean: 3.45 E. Bairstow in D., Vox dicentis (Nayior): 6.30 Recital.

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch, I will lift up mine eyes (Ledger). Stanford in C. & F. Jesus the very thought of thee (Bairstow). The Dean: 11.15 M. Te Deum (Leighton). Ireland in F. The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley). The Treasurer: 3 E. Purseif in G. minor. The record of John (Gibbons): 6.30 E. Chants 322 & 312. The Lord bless you (Rutter). The sub-Dean. Gurlupford Cathedral: 8 HC. Rev Dr I Fisher: 9.45 S Euch, Missa Bereis (Gabriel). O sacrum convivium (Tallis), Sir J Fond: 11.15 M, Jubiliae (Walton), My soul there is a country (Parry), Rev J Thomas. 6.30 E. St John's Service (Tippeth, Christ for fair glory (Millington), Canon of Farrant. LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8, 12 HC: 10.30 Royal Tigers' Association. Let all the world in every corner sing (Yaughan Williams). Canon J Clarke 4 Choral E. Dyson in D. O praise God (Whyte), The Bishop.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Jubiliate from the Short Service (Weelkes), O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore), The Dean: 3.30 E & dedication to the Dean Holderness Memorial, Stanford in G. How lovely is they dwelling place (Brahms).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L: 8, 12.30 HC: 9.30 S Euch, Stanford in C. and F. Hymn to the Trinity (Traikovsky), The Chancellor: 11.15 M. Te Deum in F. Though J speak with the longues of men (Bairstow), The Dean: 3.45 E. Gloucester Service (Howells), The Spirit of the Lord (Elgaf); 6 Deanery of Christianity.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC: 10.30 Ecch, The Dean: 3.45 E. Gloucester Service (Howells), The Edenia E. Canon M

# Church services tomorrow LIANDAFF CATHEDRAI: 7.30 M & Litany: 8.12.15 Holy Euch. The Dean: 11 S Euch. Missa Brevis in B flas (Mozzari. The Canon: 3.30 Choral E. Dyson in F, Vox dicends: Clama (Naylon; 6.30 E & Sermon. Rev N Court.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Communion Service in F (Darke), Canon J Atherton; 12.30 Blessing of Colours; 6.30 E. The Second Service (Byrd), Canon P Denby.

legith, Canon r Defity.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M: 8 HC, Canon I Bennett; 9.30 S Euch, Jackson in G, Cannique de Jean Racine (Paure). Canon I Bennett: 6 First Evensong of St John the Bapist, Noble in A milnor, This is the record of John (Gibbons). of John (Gibbons).

NEWPORT CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S

Euch, Ireland in C. Set me as a seal
(Walton); 6.30 Evensong & Confirmation,

Purcell in G minor. Prepare ye the way of
the Lord (Wise).

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC;
9.30, Noble in B minor: 10.30 Euch. Missa

Sancti Petri (Leighton), Let all mortal flesh
keep silence (Bairstow), The Dean: 3.30 E,
Collegium Regale (Wood), The Wilderness
(Wesley); 6.30 Recital.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 RC: 9.45 M.

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 RC; 9.45 M,
Be still my soul (Whitocit); 10.30 S Each,
Messe Solemelle (Langlats), Be still my soul
(Whitocid), Rev Dr N Sagovsky; 3.15 E,
Ireland in F, This is the record of John
(Gibbons).

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SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. The Very Rev H Dickinson; 10 Euch, Mozari in F [K192], Ave verum corpus (Mozari, Carnon J Osborne: 11.30 M, Te Deum and Jubliare in C (Stanford), Locus isre (Bruckner), Ven J Smith; 3 E. Jackson in G. Blessed city heaventy Salem (Balrstow); 4.30 Congregational Council AGM.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 MP: 10.30 S Euch, People's Mass. Let all mortal flesh (Balrstow), Rev Dr J Goldingay: 6.30 Festal Evensoring of St. John the Baptist, Wesley in E. This is the record of John (Gibbons), Canon T Page.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9 M; 10 S Euch, O nata lux (Taills), Ave verum corpus (Figar). The Treasurer: 6 E. Wise In E. flat. Vox dicentis (Naylor), Canon K Rogers.

WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. Canon D Baxter: 9.15 Parish C, Canon D Baxter: 11 Solemn Euch. Coronation Mass (Mozzri, Te Deum (Vaughan Williams in G). The Provost: 6.30 E. Bairstow in D, Evening Hymn (Gardiner).

MYLLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch.
Darke in F. Ave verum corpus (Elgari, The
very Rev E Levis: 11.30 M, ireland in C.
Ciorious and powerful God (Stanford): 3 E.
Stanford in G. O Lord the maker of al thing
(Mundy). Ven R Acworth. WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M. Short

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M. Short service Byrth. Sing ioyfully Byrth, Canon D Gray: 1.15 Euch, Missa Trinitanis sanctae (Grief), Tout puissant (Pouteric, O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), Canon A Harvey: 3 E. Second Service Liefshort). Laudibus in sanctis (Byrth, Rev C Ellis: 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 E. Canon D Hunt. YORK MINSTER: 8.8.45 HC: 9 Cyclists' Touring Club: 10 S Euch, Stanford in B flat. O Sacrum convivium (victoria), Rev P Ferguson: 11.30 M. Collegium Regale (Howelis): 2 Parachure Regale (Howelis): 2 Parachure Regale (Howelis): Rev Pof Homman. ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Chwd: 8 HC: 11 (Monteverdi), Rev Prof E Norman.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Crwyd: 8 HC: 11
Choral M, Jublizie (Stanford in B flat), Te
Deum (Stimslon in G). Hymn to St Cecilia
(Howels), Rt Hon. D Blakeley.

ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 7.30: 8 HC: 9.30
Cymun Bendigaid: 9.30 Family. The
Succentor: 11.15 Choral Euch, Sumston in
F, Ave verum (Elgar), The Canon; 2.30
Masonit. 6 Choral E, Wood in E flat No. 1,
Thou will keep him (Westey), The Dean.

ST GILES CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8.10
Morning HC. Douce memoire (Lassus), The
Minister: 11.30 Morning, Laudate
Dominum (Mozari); 6 St Giles at Six
Quarret 8 Evening, The Hilary Smith.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL L. Ednofor: 8 HC: Quarter, 8 Evening, The Hilary Smith.

ST PAULS CATHEDRAL London: 8 HC:
8.45 M: 11 S Euch. Coronation Gloria
(Stanford in B flat and F). He that shall
endure to the end (Mendelssohn), Ven G
Cassidy; 3.15 E. Stanford in G. For lo I raise
up (Stanford). Rev R Higgins: 5.15 Recital.
ALL SAINTS. Margaret St. London WI:
9.5.15 LM: 10.20 MP; 11 HM. Missa Brevis
In B flat (Mozzar). The Vicar: 6 E&B, Purcell
in B flat, Rev I Davies.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, London WI: 9 Communion: 11 Thanksgiving & Gift Day, Rev G Osel-Mensah: 6.30 Thanksgiving & Gift Day, Rev J Cook. THE ANNUNCIATION. Bryanston 5t. THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick St. London WI: 11 Missa Isre confessor (Palestrina), Quam fect: Dominus (Viadana), O gioriosa Del genitris (Gombert)

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH. London SW3: 8,12,15 HC; 10 Children: 11 M, The Lord is my shepherd (Mendelssohn), Dr P Elvy: 6 E. Rev Dr P Elvy. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Covern Garden, London WC2: 11.15; 6.30. Rev T Coates.

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FARM STREET. London W.: 8, 9.30, 12.30.

A.15, 6,15 LM; 11 Solemn Mass. Missa 'on me i'a dir [Lassus], Salve Regina (Charpentler). Ave venum corpus (Milani). Fr A Meredith, S.I.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON: 9 ASB HC, Mr A Brydon: 11 Rev N Gumbet; 5.7 Informal Service. Mr J Jennings.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road. SW7: 7, 8.

9. 10, 11 Mass. Missa Ecce ego Johannes (Palestrina). O sacrum convivium (Gackson); 12.30, 4.30 Mass. 7: 3.30 V & B. Inter naios mulierum (Hassier).

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ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdns. London W: 11 Holy Mass. Archbishop Y Gizirian.

WESLEYS CHAPEL, City Road. London EC2: 9.45: 11. Rev Dr R Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist, SWI: 11: 6.30, Rev Dr D Wilson. ST ALBAN'S CHURCH. Chatham, Kent: 9.45 MP; 10:30 S Mass & Sermon.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran). Gresham St. London EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev F Schoenhals: 7 Jazz Vespers, Rev P Schmiege. Schmiege.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, London EC1: 9 HC: 11 M. Benediche in G (Jackson), Jubilate (Britien), Let all mortal flesh keep silem (Bairstow), The Rector: 6.30 E. Sanford in B flat. Vox dicentis clama [Naylon], The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S. Fleet Street, London EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Stanford in A. Behold

how good and joyful a thing (Vinter), Canon J Ostes: 6-30 Choral E. Day in B flat, Sing joyfully (Mundy), Canon J Ostes. ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch, Missa brevis (Leighton), O sacrum convivium (Tailis), Rév P Bishop. ST COLUMBAS CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. Pont Street, London SW1: 11 Confirmations. Rev C MacLeod; 6.30 Rev W CALTIS.
ST CUTHBERTS. Philbeach Gardens: 10
HC; 11 S Euch & Sermon, Mass in C. Greater love hath no man (treland).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 9,11 Sung Mass. Mariazellermesse (Haydn). Venl Sponsa Christi (Victoria). ST GEORGE'S. Hanover Square, London WI: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch, Stanford in A, The

Rector.

ST JAMES'S. Sussex Gardens, London WZ:

8 Euch: 10:30 S Euch, Missa Bel' annfitrit
(Lassus). Ave María (Parsons). Rev D
Lawson: 6 Choral E. Blair in B minor,
Tantum Ergo (Henschel).

STJAMES'S. Piczadiliv: 8:30 HC; 11 S Euch,
Rev S Robinson: 5:45 EP. ST JOHN'S, Stranford London E15: 11 Family, Fantasia and Fugue in g minor (Bach), Rev D Richards; 6.30 HC, Rev D ST LURE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC: 10.30 MP; 6.30 E, Let all the world (Leighton). Rev G Beauchamp.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd. NW!: 8 HC:
945 Family Communion: 11 S Euch.
Missag in Honorem Sancti Josephi
(Pecters). Tantum ergo (Durufle). Rev T
Jones.

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ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SWI: 11 S Euch, Missa in four parts (Byrd), Laudibus in sanctis (Byrd), Rev R Holloway.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC: 9.45 Euch, Cantaite Domlino (Monteverdi), Adoramus te (Monteverdi), Rev B Schunemann, The Vicar: 11.30 visitors, Te Deum (Collegium Regale) (Howells). I saked for peace (Caesar): 2.45 Chinese, Rev J Bennett: 5 Choral E, Stanford in Bb, Hear my words (Party): 6.30 Evening, Rev B Cave. ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington WS: 8.12.30 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch, The Vicar: 11.15 Choral M. Rev F Gell: 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 The Vicar.

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HC: 10:30 Parish Euch. Sumsion in F.
Cantate Domino (Hassier). Rev L van der
Pump: 6 Living win Faith.

ST MARYLEBONE. Marylebone Rd.

London W1: 8 HC: 11 Choral Euch Celebration of the feast of St John the Bapist, Missa brevis in F K192 (Mozarn inter natos mulierum with strings, Rev ) ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, London SWI 8, 9 HC: I I Solemn Euch, Missa brevis (Britten), AVE Maria (Hoist), Tota pulchara es (Durufiel, Rev C Courtanid. ST PETERS, Eaton Sq. London SWI: 8,15 HC: 10 Family Euch: 11 S Euch, Hereford Mass (R Lloyd), Beatl quorum via Integra est (Stanford), Pantaisie in E flat (Saint-Særis), Bishop of London. ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner St. London SW3: 11 M, To Deum (Ireland), This is the record of John (Gibbons); 6.30 E.— ST STEPHEN'S. Gloucester Rd. London SW7: 9 LM; 11 HM, Missa San Joannis de Deo (Haydn), Tantum Ergo (Bruckner), Ave Verum (Mozairi), Fr R F Büshau.

VETURE MOVEMENT OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC: 11 M & Association of Friends Report, Te Deum (Waughan Williams in G), Bring us O Lord God (Harris), Canon JGMW Murphy. CHAPEL ROYAL St James's Palace 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP; Util Caritas (Durufle). The Ven E Ward. Ven a ward.

CHAPEL ROYAL Hampton Court Palace
8.30 HC (1662); 11 M. Collegium Regale
(Howells), The spirit of the Lord (Eigar);
3.30 E. Cantase Domino (Pitoni), Second
Service (Gibbons), Gaude et lastare
(Sweelinck).

(Sweeting).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL South Audley St.
London WI: 8.15 HC; II S Euch, Missa O
magnum mysterium (Victoria). O Lord
arise (Weelkes). Praetudium in G minor
(Tunder). Rev D Dewey. THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet St. 8.30 RC; 11.15 MP, Te Deum Landamus Britten in C. This is the record of John (Globons). The Master. GUARDS CHAPEL Wellington Barracks, London SW1: 11 M. Prevent us O Lord (Byrd), What love is this of thine (Leighton), Band of the Life Guards, Rev J Gough; 12 ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL Greenwich, SEIO: 11 S Euch, Sumsion in F. Yerily 1 say unto you (Howells), Rev R McCormick.

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ASH - Ms. Christine Stephan arrival of her grandson Kalen, born 14th June 1996 to her daughter Emma BETT - On June 17th 1996, to

BIRTHS

COLLEN - On June 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Suzanne (née Millar) and John a beautiful daughter Juliet Anna. Thank you Haulwen and Staff. CROSS - On June 14th at The

and Nick two wonderful LORENZO - On June 18th, at The Portland Hospital, to Sue (née Ryan) and Maithew a son James Peler (Name down at Uoton Park).

DEATHS BAUWERS - Arnold, on 21st June 1996 in Abu Dhabi, aged 40. He will be very much missed by Sorays and

DEATHS COX - On 20th June 1996, peacefully in her sleep, Joan Kaithleen Cox of Windsor. widow of Harvid, ruother to Antony, Stephen and Robert. Funeral at Slough Armony, Separation of Thursday
27th June at 11 am. Floral
tributes pictoe to E. Surgenti
& Son. 61 St Leonard's Road.
Windsor: (01753) 365982. DURRANT - Alleen Bettle

Deshwood (née Capié). On 14th June 1996 at Mitchell Downs Hospital, Rotorna. New Zealand, Beloved wife of Tom and Mother of June. HOLMES - Amanda Cresswell, only daughter of Jack Holmes and Trish

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#### THE REV DAVID NICHOLLS

The Rev David Nicholls, priest and theologian, died while undergoing surgery in Oxford on June 13 aged 60. He was born in Woking on June 3, 1936.

DAVID NICHOLLS was a rare phenomenon in today's world of professional pigeon-holing: a writer of important and influential academic works who never held a mainstream academic post, a theologian whom the Church of England found it difficult to accommodate.

He was amused as well as irritated by his lack of recognition and ecclesiastical preferment. He knew, perhaps, that to be appointed to one of the chairs for which he applied would, in fact, have been to enter a bureaucratic trap. Faute de mieux, therefore, he carne to live as an old-style country parson of the best sort, working since 1978 in the narish of St Mary's Littlemore, near Oxford (and thus near the Bodleian Library), and issuing a far more substantial stream of books and articles - in qualitative as well as in quantitative terms - than those who got the jobs for which he applied. He made theology matter in the world of secular academia; and he showed religious people that good intentions and kindly thinking are not enough.

Nicholls was influential in three main areas of writing. He was a leading authority on Haiti, his views being summarised in From Dessalines to Duvalier: race, colour and national independence (1979), which has become a classic, Economic dependence and political autonomy: the Haitian experience (1974), and Haiti in Caribbean context: ethnicity, economy and revolt (1985). He travelled frequently and sometimes dangerously there and in the rest of the Caribbean and was much in demand as a speaker. especially in the United States.

Yet his doctoral thesis had been on a quite different subject, the British theological political theorist John Neville Figgis, for which he was supervised in Cambridge by Alec Vidler. Never published as such, its analysis of phiralism appeared as Church and State in Britain since 1820 (1967), Three Varieties of Pluralism (1974) and The Pluralist State (1975) and in a stream of articles with titles such as The totalitarianism of Thomas Arnold" and "Few are chosen: some reflections on the politics of

A. J. Balfour". Nicholls was a sharp analyst of Victorian theology with none of the integrating ecumenism fashionable today. His many articles on John Henry Newman (whose own old parish at Littlemore he held) were blistering attacks on what he saw as Newman's vacuous, self-indulgent, unadmitted authoritarianism. He powerfully disliked Henry Scott Holland and the liberal catholicism characterised by the Lux Mundi movement.



London School of Economics (where he

won the Laski and the Gladstone

prizes), and King's College, Cambridge, where he completed his PhD in 1962; he then went to Yale Divinity

School and Chichester Theological

College. In 1962 he was made deacon

and in 1963 was ordained priest. From

1966 to 1973 he lectured in Trinidad

and acquired there a legendary taste

for cigars, as well as his lifelong

fascination with the politics of the

he was chaplain and Fellow of Exeter

College. Oxford. Somewhat to his

surprise. Oxford turned out to be his

long-term home. The university, rather

belatedly, recognised his ability with a

He was much influenced by Cheslyn

Jones, his Principal at Chichester, who

had launched Nicholls's clerical career

by placing him in a curacy under

Gordon Phillips, then chaplain to

London University at St George's.

Bloomsbury. Cheslyn Jones, who re-

mained a close friend, went on to be

Principal of the dominant Anglo-

Catholic institution in Oxford, Pusey

House. Nicholls himself was an unos-

tentatious Anglo-Catholic who, charac-

teristically, complained of various aspects of the movement and its

practitioners. It was entirely typical of

There then followed five years when

Caribbean.

DLitt in 1991.

Nicholls then broadened his interest in the relations of Church and State into what he saw as his credo: a trilogy, working from the present backwards, examining the symbiotic relationship of theology, philosopy and politics in England. The first two volumes were Deity and Dominion: Images of God and State in the 19th and 20th Centuries (1989) (given as the Hulsean Lectures at Cambridge) and God and Government in an "Age of Reason" (1995): the third volume entitled Despotism and Doubt he left unfinished.

Nicholls also wrote frequently on contemporary theology, often candidly critical of the Church to which he belonged, but always amusingly and consistently showing a strong, untroubled faith. He recognised and tried to come to terms, at the highest level of scholarly debate, with the intellectual complexities of the language and interpretation of theology in its necessary relationship to the world of men and women - but his personal belief was not complex but essentially straightforward and orthodox. His substantial body of writings will undoubtedly one day come to be seen as one of the most remarkable scholarachievements in today's Anglican Communion.

David Gwyn Nicholls was educated at Woking Grammar School, the him that he took pride in opposing the

Nicholls always refused to live in an ivory tower. He was connected with many bodies, such as St Antony's College, Oxford, Oxfam, the Political Quarterly, the Centre for Caribbean Studies at Warwick, and the Latin American Bureau. With Valerie Pitt and Ken Leech, he came into the Christendom Group in the 1960s and. with Canon V. A. Demant and Maurice Reckitt, he helped to form the Christendom Trust, chairing it from

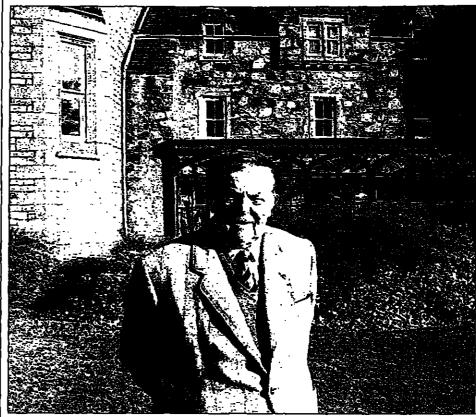
This last, and his association with the Jubilee Trust, reflected Nicholls's somewhat anarchic Christian socialism. He certainly disliked, and enjoyed ridiculing, the political Right, but was in no sense a regular member of the political Left. William Temple was one of his betes noires; he approved of the benefits but hated the accompanying bureaucracy of the modern welfare state. He was a member of the Labour Party but ridiculed — and never felt at home in — its ponderous structure.

His tendency towards anarchic views on secular matters made him an uneasy member of the Established Church. In the parish of Littlemore, however, he was a well organised and much-loved parish priest, his parishioners for the most part unaware of his international academic standing. He ran the church and the parish, and chaired the school governors, with the craftiness which came from a lifetime of suspicion of authority. His striking presence - grey head and beard and Latin American poncho arriving by motorcycle - was accompanied by great physical and intellectual charm. Nicholls quickly transmitted his restless curiosity, though he often thought too fast to have time to absorb the restionse.

In 1968 he married Gillian Sleigh, who became a distinguished consultant paediatrician and whose emotional stamina was critical to the maintenance of Nicholls's own intellectual and psychological balance. Their household had an important third member - an abusive, brightlyfeathered macaw from Trinidad. named Archdeacon Paley, after the 18th-century theologian. The Archdeacon was a frequent and rebarbative writer to the newspapers; he often elicited indignant replies from bruised academics and church people who did not spot the joke. William Paley was on occasion Nicholls's nom de plume when covering Haitian elections for The Daily Telegraph. In a curious coincidence, shortly after the Archdeacon died and had his death announced in the newspapers, Nicholls himself suffered a split artery in his neck. He died in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, during an operation to put it

He leaves his widow Gillian. There were no children of the marriage.

#### ROBERT CAMPBELL-PRESTON



Robert Campbell-Preston of Ardchattan, OBE, MC, Vice-Lieutenant of Argyll and Bute, 1976-90, died on June 14 aged 87. He was born on January 7, 1909.

A SOLDIER, sportsman and businessman, Robert Camp-bell-Preston of Ardchattan was a Highland laird of the old school who served his country — and his country — with dedication and distinction.

Robert Modan Thorne Campbell-Preston was born into a family that had been in possession of Ardchattan Priory, on the north shore of Loch Etive near Oban, more or less since the Reformation when much land previously owned by the Church had been expropriated and handed over to the nobility and gentry. Ardchattan was acquired by Alexander, the grandson of Campbell of Cawdor, in 1602.

Campbell-Preston was edu-

cated first at Eton, where he

was master of beagles, and then at Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated BA. He then entered business but also maintained his family's military traditions, being commissioned in 1927 as a lieutenant in the Scottish Horse, one of the Scotland's yeomanry regiments operating within the TA. It had been founded during the Boer War by the Marquess of Tullibardine (the

title of the heir to the Duke of

Atholl), a connection which Campbell-Preston was to

When the Second World War broke out, the Scottish Horse formed the 79th and 80th Medium Regiments of the Royal Artillery. Though within the RA, they were allowed to keep their Atholl bonnets and soon acquired a fine reputation as among the best medium-range gunners in the Army.

Campbell-Preston saw action with the 80th in two of the most fiercely-fought theatres. Sicily and Italy. In 1943 he was awarded the Military Cross and in 1945 the US Silver Star. In 1945 his commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Murray, was killed in action in Italy and five years later Campbell-Preston married his widow, the Hon Angela Murray, third daughter of the 2nd Viscount Cowdray. Her son by her first marriage became the 10th Duke of Atholl (who died earlier this year), and a connection already established by service in the Atholl Yeoman-

ry was thus consolidated. After the war the yeomanry regiments were reduced in number and re-established as TA units, surviving a score of vears before finally submitting to defence cuts. In 1945 Campbell-Preston was appointed lieutenant-colonel and commanding officer of the Scottish Horse and then, 1962-67, was honorary colonel of the combined regiment formed by amalgamation with the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry.

From 1949 to 1974, he was joint managing director of Alginate Industries. The backbreaking gathering of kelp had long been a staple of the Highland economy, and alginate, one of its by-products, has many applications in the food, drugs and other industries. The company was even-

tually bought by Kelco. He sat on the old Argyll County Council. He became a deputy lieutenant of the county in 1951 and served as Vice-Lieutenant for 14 years from 1976. He was a member of the Royal Company of Archers. the Queen's Bodyguard for Scotland.

Campbell-Preston was a skilful stalker, a fine shot and an artful fisherman. He took much pleasure in imparting his knowledge to the young. with whom he had a great empathy: he was known as "Uncle Bobby" to many with whom he had no connection by blood. To them, and sometimes old comrades down on their luck, he showed great kindness.

With his wife, who died in 1981, he shared a passion for gardening. He continued after her death to find much fulfilment in the garden at Ardchattan, often opened to the public in aid of charity. He is survived by his

daughter.

#### **SIR HARRY CAMPION**

Sir Harry Campion, CB. CBE, Director of the Central Statistical Office, 1941-67, died on May 24 aged 90. He was born on May 29, 1905.

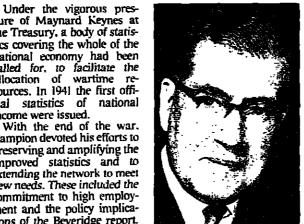
AS THE first Director of the Central Statistical Office, Harry Campion was a principal architect of the modern system of statistics. With the outbreak of the Second World War, he was summoned from a readership in statistics at Manchester University to join Lord Stamp's group. Their job was to provide the War Cabinet with economic information for the war effort.

The group grew and split between the economists and the statisticians, and Campion was put in charge of the newly formed Central Statistical Office (CSO) in 1941. The function of the CSO was to coordinate the flood of often discordant information coming from the departments; to organise the collection of important missing data: and to present the results in consis-

Under the vigorous pressure of Maynard Keynes at the Treasury, a body of statistics covering the whole of the national economy had been called for, to facilitate the allocation of wartime resources. In 1941 the first official statistics of national income were issued.

Campion devoted his efforts to preserving and amplifying the improved statistics and to extending the network to meet new needs. These included the commitment to high employment and the policy implications of the Beveridge report. Campion organised a detailed review by the departmental statistical sections of all branches of statistics. The harmonising of definitions re-quired much laborious work. But Campion did at last achieve a set of agreed classifications (for instance, the Standard Industrial Classification) to be used by all.

Campion was brought up in Lancashire cotton industry. search: an estimate of national He was educated at wealth and its division be-



Farnworth Grammar School and at Manchester University, where he was first a lecturer, and then Reader in Statistics. He also took part in the newly formed economic research division which was one of the few university centres employing full-time researchers in

economics. Campion produced here his Worsley in the heart of the two pieces of original re-

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tween private and public ownership, and another study of foreign trade costs. After the war, the widening range of official statistics and their increasing importance in policy led Campion to play a major part in establishing a stronger professional status for statisticians. This included a specialised grade within the Civil Service with its own career structure and salary scale; and the need for suitable academic qualification.

Campion's view of the function of the statistician, especially in public service, was somewhat Puritanical. That function was to present the measured or measurable facts in a coherent form with full attention to the small print. If there are unavoidable gaps in the data, it was for the user, if he wished, but not for the official statistician, to interpolate, extrapolate or, worst of all, to guess.

Campion recognised the great value of the electronic computer for manipulation of mass data, although he deplored the cooking of elabo-

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rate mathematical confections with little care for the quality of the ingredients. He was in favour of the widest circulation of well-established official statistics. But he was cautious in promoting publicity, leaving that mainly to the professional information services. He did, however, take an active interest in the formal and clarity of the statistical publications (introducing, for example, the use of Gill sanserif fount for tabular printing).

Campion became a kind of "doyen" of the profession, advising Whitehall departments on appointments, promotions and transfers and encouraging prospective recruits. He showed skill in fitting the right people into the right jobs. He played an active part in

the Royal Statistical Society, of which he became president, 1957-59. The CSO was also active in the international field, and Campion was selected, in 1946, as the first Director of the Statistical Office of the United Nations. He was appointed CBE in 1945, CB in 1949 and knighted in 1957. He retired at the age of 61 in 1967.

Despite Campion's unassuming manner, and often rather obscurely expressed pronouncements, he earned the respect of senior civil servants throughout Whitehall.

Campion was unmarried and lived with his sister.

**DAVID SCHINE** David Schine, former aide to Senator Joe McCarthy, died in a

plane crash in California on June 19 aged 68. He was born on September 11. 1927.

DAVID SCHINE'S remembered role in American history is not one that he would have chosen. Wealthy and fervently anti-communist, he had graduated from Harvard to become president of his father's chain of hotels when Roy Cohn, an old college friend. recruited him to become unnaid chief consultant to Senafor Joe McCarthy's permanent sub-committee on investigations in 1953. Ironically, Schine was destined to be the unwitting final nail in McCarthy's coffin.

served as chief counsel to the committee, Schine set about exposing alleged communist influence in the United Nations, the State Department and the Voice of America. Then McCarthy sent them to Europe, where the pair were charged with investigating leftist subversion in a wide range of US agencies. To the worldly-wise European press. especially the British tabloids. the spectacle of two young

Together with Cohn, who

men chasing all over the Continent in search of reds under every diplomatic or

agency bed seemed risible. But they were no laughing matter to Americans serving overseas. In the paranoid atmosphere then prevailing several officials lost their jobs as a result of their allegations.

Then, in the autumn of 1953. Schine was drafted into the US Army as a common private. McCarthy, in an effort to make life easier for his young protégé, apparently tried to use his influence, unsuccessfully, to get Schine commissioned as an officer. The affair came to light, and McCarthy's enemies in the Senate seized the opportunity to hold public televised hearings into the allegation.

McCarthy, who at the time was alleging communist infiltration in the Army, was hoist with his own petard. Although the 36-day televised hearing was inconclusive, his conduct on the witness stand - particularly when under cross-examination by the Army counsel, Joseph N. Welch was so egregious that it led to a vote of censure against him in the Senate on December 2. 1954. McCarthy's power was broken, and he died three years later.

Schine completed his military service in Alaska, never rising above the rank of corporal, and abandoned politics to return to managing his

father's \$150 million business interests. These he expanded into the film industry, where his greatest success lay in being executive producer of The French Connection in Later there was a less happy chapter. He and Cohn at-

tempted to sue Universal Studios and NBC for \$40 million in 1977, alleging that they had been defamed by a television film about McCarthy entitled Tailgunner Joe (a reference to a claim that the Wisconsin senator always made for his war service that was totally untrue). But their case was thrown out by a New York appellate court. In later years, David Schine

served on the boards of a number of charities, mostly connected with the arts. He died when his single-engined aircraft crashed shortly after take-off from Burbank, California. His wife Hilevi, Miss Universe of 1955, was also killed, as was his 35-year-old son Berndt, who was at the controls. He is survived by four other sons and one

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A vast crowd acclaimed Pope Paul VI when the man who had entered the conclave as Cardinal Montini, Archbishop of Milan, made his appearance soon after midday on th central balcony of St. Peter's. Once it had become clear that the smoke from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel was unquestionably white, signifying an election, the square filled with people.

There was a wait of about an hour between the signal and the presentation of the Pope, as the expectant throng grew in size and excitement. The news of the election and the identity of the next Pontiff is tradition brought by the cardinal who is the head of the Order of Deacons. Today this task fell to Cardinal Ottaviani who is also head of the Holy Office, who pronounced the Latin formula: "I announce to you a great joy; we have a new Pope."

Cardinal Ottaviani happens to be the archconservative in the Curia, and there was a touch of irony that it should have been for him to use the time-honoured expression in revealing, with the identity of the new head of

#### ON THIS DAY

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Pope Paul VI succeeded John XXII, whose reforming policy he continued. He reconvened the Second Vatican Council and with the encyclical Humanae Vitae (1968) emphasised Roman Catholic doctrine on birth control

the Roman Church, that the Sacred College had chosen on the first ballot of only their second day in conclave one of the most progressive minded of the Italian cardinals.

There was a brief pause after the cheering which greeted his words; then a gold crucifix was seen being carried towards the window leading to the balcony and the slim figure of Pope Paul VI came into sight, raising his arms in greeting before uttering his first blessing to the city and the world . . ..

The details of the voting remain secret, but the scene in the Sistine Chapel this morning can easily be reconstructed. Cardinal

Albareda, the Spanish Claretian, who is last in the Order of Deacons, sounded a bell and took the key with which he had been entrusted to open the door of the locked chapel. The secretary of the conclave entered, accompa

by the Prefect of Ceremonies and the two Masters of Ceremonies. With them present as witnesses, Cardinal Tisserant, the bearded dean of the Sacred College, approached Cardinal Montini and asked him in a distinct voice whether he accepted the election. Whatever thoughts went through Cardinal Montini's mind at that question he clearly gave 'accepto". From that moment he acquired all the rights and prerogatives of Supreme Pontiff. The purple canopies above all the cardinals stalls were lowered, except for that of the newly elected Pope.

Afte the homage the Camerlengo, Cardinal Maselia, placed the Fisherman's ring on his finger — a ring with no seal because the seal of the last Pope who had worn it was destroyed soon after his death. The new Pope then removed the ring for the new seal to be affixed.

The personality of Pope Paul VI will naturally be studied intently. The new Pope, at 65, is relatively young, and may be able to show his hand in a more leisurely manner than his predecessor . . .

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■ John Major called off the beef war with the European Union after four weeks of conflict. But his claim that the campaign of obstruction the Government has waged against EU business had won him his objectives was met with derision from some Brussels officials. They launched an immediate attempt to rubbish last-minute concessions which had been hailed by 

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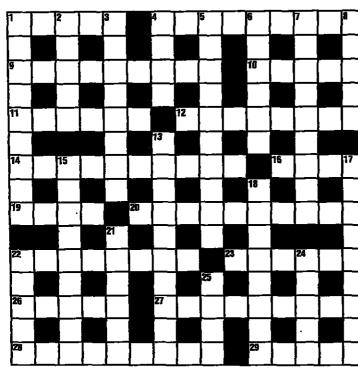
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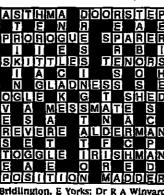
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Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales: dry with sunny periods. Wind light, north, Warm. Max 20C (68F).

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with bright or sunny periods. Wind light, north, Warm. Max 18C (64F). Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: sunny intervals, a few showers: brighter later. Wind moderate or fresh, north or northwest. Cool. Max 15C (59F). ☐ Argyll, NW Scotland: sunny periods, clouding over later. Wind light, north, Warm. Max 17C (63F)

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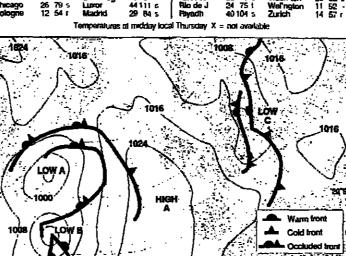
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

SATURDAY JUNE 22 1996

Lloyd's sees updated offer

as 'last chance' to settle

# Bills cut for 90% of names with losses

By Sarah Bagnall

NEARLY 90 per cent of events that have made the Lloyd's names have had their bills to the insurance market cut, as a result of the increase in the settlement offer from £2.8 billion to £3.1

Yesterday, Lloyd's of London dispatched letters to its 34.000 names, providing updated estimates of how much they will have to pay in final settlement of all their debts with the insurance market. The letters supercede the statements sent in March, before the settlement offer was increased. In total, Lloyd's is demanding £359 million in new money from names, over and above the assets already held to support

names' underwriting.
The biggest beneficiaries of the increased offer are the 3,100-odd names who have seen their bills tumble by more than £100,000, while the bills sent to about 9,000 further names have fallen by more than £50,000. Furthermore, the number of names who are owed money by Lloyd's has swollen from

about 6,000 to 12,000. At the other end of the spectrum are an estimated 540 names whose bills have increased by more than £15,000. and 2,000 whose bills have risen by less than £15,000.

Lloyd's has lost more than (8 billion in the past five years and the settlement package is an attempt to consign its problems to the past. The package involves an out-ofcourt settlement with names, aimed at ending the mass of actions that have swamped the market, and the writing-off of more than £2 billion of names' debts.

In the letter, David Rowland, chairman of Lloyd's, wrote: "I deeply regret the

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reconstruction plan necessary. They must never be allowed to recur. I am reminded daily of the damage membership of Lloyd's has caused to thou-

He admits there are shortcomings to the offer. "It is not perfect: we do not command umlimited resources and time is no longer on our side. But it offers better prospects than continued litigation."

As a result of the improved offer, 4,900 names will receive demands above £100,000. This is before taking into account their funds at Lloyd's. which are the assets held to support a name's underwriting and, often, are in the form of bank quarantees against the name's home. Under the offer, all names' debts are capped at £100,000 after their funds at Lloyd's have been

exhausted. Again, before taking into account funds at Lloyd's, a further 6,800 names have had debts capped at £25,000, while 4,100 will be sent bills of between £25,000 and £50,000; a further 3,600 names between £50,000 and £75.000; and 2,700 names between £75,000

and £100,000. Mr Rowland said he was confident that the revised esti-mates were "a reliable guide to names' finality bills", which will be sent in late July. Names have until mid-August to accept the offer, with payment of any money awed due by September 30.

We are entering the final weeks of the reconstruction plan and the time for talking and negotiating is over. Members must now prepare to make their decisions," he writes, adding: "If the offer fails, there is no second

AMERICA'S postal service is

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that Britain's Post Office

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which proclaimed yesterday's

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chance."



Giles Hilton, product director of Whittard of Chelsea, the tea company, which is to float on the AIM. Whittard will award the majority of its employees free shares. The giveaway, which is worth £200,000, will be shared between 270 of the 444 workers. Tempus, page 32

# Southern Water supports bid

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY AND OLIVER AUGUST

SOUTHERN WATER announced last night that it is backing the £1.67 billion Scottish Power bid, after receiving assurances that the integration of the two utilities will not result in compulsory redundancies.

A spokesman said: "The

teamworking, dubbed the Em-

Writing to the CWU's US

equivalent, the National Asso-

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to improve the process, includ-

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By PHILIP BASSETT. INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

ScottishPower offer of 1050p in cash represents a premium of 64p over the value of the offer from Southern Electric, and of 74p over the value of the Southern Electric cash alternative."

The water company, which had originally recommended a El.6 billion bid from its neighbour Southern Electric, met with ScottishPower yes-

enable ScottishPower to draft its formal documents as a recommended offer by the Tuesday deadline. ScottishPower wants Southern Water to further its multi-

utility ambitions. Southern Water's four top directors will receive a total of £1.5 million in share option gains after the takeover.

#### Branson goes back to his musical roots

By Jon Ashworth

RICHARD BRANSON is launching a new record label four years after selling his recording and music interests to Thorn EMI in a landmark E560 million deal. The new venture, with the working title V2 Records, is expected to be launched in October, in a direct challenge to Sony, Polygram,

and other market glants. Confirming his plans for the first time, Mr Branson said he aimed to repeat the formula which brought success with such artists as Mike Oldfield, Boy George and Human League. The initial focus will be on unknown acts.

Virgin was prevented from launching a competing label for three years under the terms of the Thorn EMI sale. Ronnie

Gurr, an A&R man who form-erly worked for Virgin, has been lured back from Columhia Records. Jeremy Pearce resigned as managing director of Sony Music's licensed repertoire division in March for a job with Virgin. The company has said it was looking into the launch of a record label.

Mr Branson, 45, said the move would bring him into direct competition with Virgin Records, which he founded in 1973. He said: "We know the business very well. The business has consolidated into five major companies, and I believe there's room for a strong, international, independent new record company."

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# FA seeks red card for Trebor players

By Jason Nissé

A BATTLE over the England football team's "three lions on the shirt" between Trebor Bassett, the sweetmaker, and the Football Association is heading for the High Court

The FA is angry that collectors cards. given free with Trebor's Barratt Foothall Candy Sticks, feature eight England players in their England kit with the three lions featuring prominently.

Among the stars signed up by Trebor are Alan Shearer. Tuesday's two-goal

hero, Tony Adams, the captain, and Paul Gascoigne, the colourful midfielder. The FA threatened to sue Trebor. But the sweetmaker, owned by Cadbury Schweppes, moved first, attempting to restrain the FA. Now the FA is seeking an injunction to stop Trebor selling packs containing the cards.

Dan Wren, an FA spokesman, said the FA wanted to deal with the issue through discussion but was forced into legal action. The sweetmaker would not comment because of the litigation. The action goes to the heart of "ambush marketing".

sponsors of a sporting event sell products which have some link to the event.

The FA was caught up in a row about sponsorship earlier this year when Coca Cola tried to stop players taking drinks from bottles marked Lucozade during the Coca Cola Cup Final. It eventually backed down. There has been much confusion caused by the England team's relationship with Burger King when McDonald's is the "official restaurant" of Euro 96. The FA's offical confectionary sponsor is Snickers, made by Mars.

#### **OFT** calls in BA over plan for link

By Jon Ashworth

A PLANNED global alliance between British Airways and American Airlines is tantamount to a merger and may require a full competition investigation, it was announced yesterday. The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has summoned BA for talks, in what could be a prelude to a full monopolies

The move was welcomed by Virgin Atlantic Airways, which claims the BA-American linkup would create a stranglehold and the UK. BA denies the link is a merger, and says "open skies" over Britain would create

more choice for consumers. John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, has started discussions with BA and will advise Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, on whether the deal should be referred to the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission (MMC). BA and American hope to combine code-sharing and frequent flyer programmes from April 1997, in a deal designed to thwart competition fears. There is no exchange of equity and no cross-shareholdings, but the carriers intend to share profits on the key transatlantic routes. Competitors claim BA-American will command up to 70 per cent of US-UK traffic, and 100 per cent on same routes.

The OFT may decide to take no further action, or press BA and American for certain undertakings. The alternative is a full MMC referral. BA said: We are happy for the alliance to be investigated and will be co-operating fully with the OFT. The important issue is whether the alliance is anticompetitive."

Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin, said: "We welcome the OFT's announcement, and would expect nothing less than a full MCC investigation." Mr Branson flies to Washington next week for talks with state officials.

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# The services are public but the capital must be private

tiative was announced by Norman Lamont in the first November Budget in 1992. A year later the Private Finance Panel was convened under the chairmanship of Sir Alastair Morton. One of its responsibilities was to initiate projects whereby private finance could be introduced into the

provision of public services.

Two-and-a-half years later more than 1,400 PFI projects have been identified and hundreds are at various stages of procurement; that part of the PFI has certainly more than met expectations.

Yet, there is a general percep-tion, partly justified, that the results of the initiative in terms of signed deals has been less satisfactory: the building contractors, upon whom most of the tendering costs have so far fallen, express their frustrations publicly and forcefully.

Although the position is a great deal better than the percep-

tion, there have undoubtedly been disappointing delays in moving from identification of the projects and the publication of invitations to tender to the point at which the contracts are signed and ground-breaking takes place. Why is this, and what can be done to bring the flow of completed deals to a steady

There is wide acceptance of the idea that the mobilisation of private capital is the only way in which public service is likely to be maintained, let alone enhanced. There is one philosophical hurdle which PFI has had to overcome and two pragmatic ones before the individual contracts could be negotiated. The philosophical one is that

the public sector does not need to own the assets by which its service is provided. The private sector has understood this point for some time in its own affairs: newspapers often own neither their offices, the presses on which they are printed or the vehicles in which they are distributed. The essence of their service is the editorial control by which their readers recognise the product. Under the PFI, the same par-

allels can be seen. In the prisons currently being built under PFI, the building and the services in it will be provided by the private sector but in accordance with prison legislation and quality controls exercised by the Prison Service through an on-site controller and approval of all staff members. But the Prison Service has specified the outputs required rather than the way these should be achieved. This procurement of the service rather than the asset itself is the change in emphasis that PFI has produced.

The two pragmatic hurdles are risk transfer and value-formoney. Transferring risk, as in the case of the Post Office Counters/Benefits Agency project just agreed, (where the private sector is bearing benefit fraud risks reported to be up to £150



million a year), and taking a view of the savings in design, building and operation will more than make up for the capital cost disadvantage that the public sector has in its access to funds. The boundary of risk transfer, a concept much more advanced in PFI than in any equivalent public/private partnership deals elsewhere in the world, has created delay and conflict.

Each side has tried, in negotia-tion, to transfer as much risk to the other as possible. Both may have tried too hard: the private sector has often tried to structure the deals like a lease and leaseback, much as in the 1960s and 1970s property developers relished long lettings to the Property Services Agency on full repairing and insuring leases; the public sector has often tried to place risk which might more suitably be retained by it.

nother element of delay has been the fact that each negotiating team from public department, agency or trust and from the bidding consortia, has had to invent and then reinvent the wheel. It is only now that some templates are being created which should shorten the procurement period. These templates have not yet been established in some important areas of activity such as health.

The panel's role has changed

my predecessor, Sir Christopher Bland, reflected this in a new structure which only came into place at the beginning of this year. The panel members, eight unpaid non-executive (with no contracts), all have an interest in making the PFI work, but the repository of experience, and the people who are daily trying to clear any remaining log-jams, is the panel executive, 24-strong only since January. They act as problem solvers and prompters of action. The panel itself must be told of the problems by participants, or the executive, as they arise, and we can try to intervene where helpful to seek solutions. I have already been in contact with contractors, ministers, opposition spokesman and other

Investment Bank, to find out what remains to be done to speed up the process. For everyone in the country it

agencies, such as the European

provision of public services. The contractors still have weak order books because neither the lotteryfunded projects nor a strong enough flow of PFI contracts have been signed; this will constrain overall growth in the economy, whoever is in power, and we cannot afford too many further delays.

For the averge citizen PFI, or something very similar, is the only way we are likely to be able to see a renewal of the assets with which public services will be

There is a good prospect that a flow of significant signed PFI deals will be forthcoming over the remaining months of this financial year, and I promise that it will not be for want of effort on the part of the panel or its executive if that prospect is not fulfilled to most people's

☐ Alastair Ross Goobey is the. is imperative that we are able to chairman of mobilise private capital in the Finance Panel

#### LME acts to restore confidence

Risk managers responsible for copper contracts traded on the London Metal Exchange yesterday moved to restore City confidence in the wake of Sumitomo's \$1.8 billion losses. The LME took the unusual step of announc-ing that it held a record \$3.5 billion in cash, put up by its members against copper contracts currently being traded on the exchange.

Andrew Lamb, managing director of risk at the London Clearing House, which acts as a central counterparty for trades by members of London's four main commodities and futures and options markets. said that the money on deposit was a signal that metal traders on the LME could meet all their mar-

After a nervous start to trading on the London market yesterday, when copper for delivery in three months time fell to \$1.870, prices began to firm again towards the end of the day.

#### Deal agreed

Members of Clerical Medical, the mutual life insurance company, have voted overwhelmingly in favour of the takeover by Halifax Building Society. The proposals for the acquisition will now be submitted to the High Court for approval. The deal is expected to go through before the end of the year.

#### Rec share sale

Nearly all the Government's remaining shares in regional electricity companies were yesterday sold in a £22.5 million deal. The Treasury sold 3.6 million shares in East Midlands, London, Northern and Yorkshire to UBS, the

#### Epic disposal Royal Insurance is to sell

its 33.3 per cent stake in Epic — European Partners for Insurance Cooperation to Aachener and Munchener, its German joint venture partner, for 300 million Dutch guilders (£114 million).

#### Jarvis rises

Investors in Jarvis Hotels yesterday enjoyed an instcompany rose 6p above its float price to close at 181p. valuing Jarvis at £300 million. Tempus, page 32

# **Blue Circle** prepares to reorganise over costs

By Sarah Cunningham

BLUE CIRCLE, Britain's biggest cement group, is planning its second major restructuring in four years in a bid to cut costs and increase efficiency.

The £330 million six-year programme will involve the construction of a £180 million plant and the closure of two old plants, with the loss of up

The remaining £150 million is to be spent on increasing efficiency at its remaining core cement plants. This should result in cost savings of more than £50 million a year by 2002. The company's production capacity will remain the same at about 7.5 million tonnes a year.

Blue Circle's rationalisation follows a similar move at Rugby Group, a fellow cement producer, in March. Analysts welcomed the Blue Circle plan and its shares rose to close 4p up a 366p.

possible site for its new plant at Holbrough in north Kent. If found to be suitable, the company will apply for planning permission early next year. The 1.4 million tonnes a year plant is likely to open in 2001. It would replace the company's Northfleet works on the Thames and the Masons works near Ipswich.

When they close, as many as 200 staff could be made redundant. Blue Circle Industries, the parent company, said this year that 1,300 jobs would go in its struggling heating division. More job cuts are expected within Blue Circle Cement's 2,000-strong workforce as a result of the restructuring. but Ian McKenzie, chief executive, said yesterday that he hoped that most would come through natural wastage and early retirement.

Two other small grey cement plants, at Weirdale, near Newcastle upon Tyne, and Plimstock, near Plymouth, which employ 300 between them, are likely to switch to production of specialised cements, Mr McKenzie said. He emphasised that this

programme would be unlike the last, in 1992-93: The last restructuring was done abruptly and involved a large number of compulsory redundancies.
"This time it is a pro-

gramme over several years and will depend heavily on the continued motivation of

The investment in existing plants over six years of £150 million will be only E5 million a year more than the company's normal internal investment expenditure. The company will fund the programme out of its internal resources.

However, when Blue Circle receives planning permission for its new plant, it will make a "modest provision" for the costs of closing the older plants, Mr McKenzie said.

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# Africar inventor is jailed

By Paul Wilkinson and Jon Ashworth

AN INVENTOR who dreamt of filling the third world with cheap cars made from wood was jailed for 15 months yesterday over the demise of his company, which failed in 1988, leaving £1.5 million in

Anthony Howarth, 58, carried on taking money from customers when there was no prospect of the vehicle, known as Africar, being produced, Liverpool Crown Court was told. He was also disqualified

from being a company director for five years. He had admitted fraudulent trading and five specimen fraud offences. The case was one of the first taken on by the Serious Fraud Office.

Passing sentence, Judge David Marshall Evans said the public had to be protected against a business being run dishonestly, even by wellmeaning people with visionary concepts. This is a very sad case," the judge said. "You are a man with qualities and abilities that I greatly admire, a man of considerable experience and achievements. You have done many things with your life, and with this project of yours have sacrificed every-

thing that you possessed." Howarth was once a renowned international photographer, as well as a film producer and director. He went to ground after the collapse, but surrendered to police in 1994.

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUR

#### Healthy deals boost Electra dividend

A HEALTHY deal flow, particularly in the unlisted section of its portfolio, has helped Electra Investment Trust to lift its first-half dividend by 5.4 per cent to 3.9p a share and the value of its investments to £850 million compared with £764 million in the same period last year.

In the six months to March 31 Electra, which has 64 per

cent invested in the UK with 32 per cent in the US, made £52. million from its unlisted portfolio, on realisations that generated cash proceeds of £81 million. Among the most successful Electra investments over the period were Xeikon, Planet Hollywood, Ascot Holdings and Dollond & Aitchison.

#### Kalamazoo slips back

PROFITS at Kalamazoo Computer Group, the computer services and security printing company, eased to £5.9 million before tax, from £6.8 million, in the year to March 31, reflecting a difficult first half in the security print division. Earnings of 10.2p a share compared with 11.8p previously. The total dividend is increased to 4.15p a share from 3.75p, with a final of 3.05p. The shares fell 8p to 132p. Since the year end, the company has acquired the European automotive dealer systems division of Datapoint Inc for \$33 million.

#### Cohen's package soars

ANDREW COHEN, chairman of Betterware, the door-todoor housewares retailer, saw his total pay rise almost 84 per cent to E346,760 from E188,665 in the year to March 2, according to the annual report. His remuneration included a per-formance-related bonus of £84,700. His basic pay increased to £180,793 from £157,590 while the pension contribution rose to £81,267 from £31,075. Directors' total emoluments increased to £875,459 from £613,060. During the year, profits recovered to £9.29 million before tax, from £1 million.

#### **Setback for Latham**

JAMES LATHAM, the building materials group, suffered a 26 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £1.9 million from £1.4 million in the year to the March 31. Earnings fell to 21.5p a share from 27.4p, but the total dividend is lifted to 6.25p a share from 6p, with a 4p final. The shares were unchanged at 161p. The company blamed weak demand in the construction and housing markets. Trading conditions had been difficultal although sales of timber and panel products were maintained, the company said.

# Port says 1,000 jobs at risk

By CLARE STEWART

UP TO 1,000 jobs could be lost in Liverpool, the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company said yesterday after the decision by Atlantic Container Lines to stop using the city's port. ACL, which is one of the

port's largest container customers, is to transfer its business to Thamesport on the Thames. Mersey Docks said the immediate consequence of ACL's departure would be 80 job losses. There will be hundreds more jobs affected in the wider port community," said Eric Leatherbarrow, communications director. ACL's decision comes after pressure both in Britain and America from a group of strikers protesting against their dismissal from Mersey Docks

The company has now withdrawn its ES million jobs and payments offer to the strikers. The dispute, which does not have the backing of the Trans-port and General Workers' Union, began when Mersey Docks refused to find jobs for 80 men, made redundant

when their independent em-

last September.

ployer collapsed. Under the National Dock Labour Scheme, which was abolished in 1989, it would have been obliged to find employment for the workers. Of the 1,200strong Mersey Docks workforce, 320 who refused to cross a picket line in support of the unemployed men subsequent-

ly lost their own jobs. A final offer of 100 jobs was made, with a package of £25,000 per man, to the former employees two weeks ago.

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#### Mirror buys Irish newspaper group

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE Mirror Group yesterday moved to establish a foothold in Ireland, taking control of Century Newspapers in a deal believed to be worth about £15

The Mirror has been keen to bolster its Irish editions and under the terms of the takeover will provide two new presses at Century's printing works. Century will gain access to Mirror Group news and sport as well as funds for further expansion.

**British Heart Foundation** 

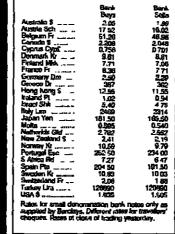
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Century Newspapers owns the News Letter, the oldest English-language newspaper in the world, dating from 1737, with a circulation of about

Century made a profit of £0.5 million last year and has net assets of about £2.2 million. Sir Ray Tindle, the existing owner, will stay on as non-executive chairman.

The Mirror Group confirmed that there would be no change in the editorial stance of the paper, which is staunch-ly pro-unionist.

TOURIST RATES



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#### A WORKING WEEK FOR: RICHARD BRANSON

# Party mood conceals the serious business of success for Virgin

Monday IT WAS nearly Tuesday ipm, and the photog-Wednesday raphers Thursday Friday ing restwas Rich-

ard Branson? Virgin staff tied knots in balloons and handed round champagne while the PRs glanced nervously at their watches. Virgin Atlantic was promoting its inaugural service to Washington DC - but where was the great man?

A topless London bus materialised. Branson gazing over the parapet like some windswept adventurer. He lurched down the steps with a softly spoken "hi", and was promptly trussed up in an Uncle Sam outfit. The photographers perched him on a railing by the Thames and told him to smile. Aspirant socialite Tania Bryer tried to muscle in. Branson kept smiling.

Behind the grin. Branson was having a dreadful day. His old enemy, British Airways, had unveiled plans for an alliance with American Airlines, taking the sheen off Virgin's own day of promotions. Before boarding the bus for his Beatles-style jaunt, he had been locked in interviews, giving warning of the implications of a BA-American tie-up. Commanding up to 70 per cent of the transatlantic air routes could only harm consumers.

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"We hope and believe that the Office of Fair Trading will look at this and realise that it is a de facto merger, and will launch a full investigation," says Branson [his calls were answered yesterday]. "We feel that if they do launch an investigation, that we have every chance of stopping it.

"Obviously, our ideal sce-nario would be for the Government simply to say to British Airways, look, this is not on, we believe in competistion, and you're quite strong enough already to fight your corner. You already dominate Heathrow, got most of the slots, you're very profitable. We're proud of the fact that we've overseen, unlike almost any other country, the development of a strong Virgin Atlantic, a strong British Midland, and just get on with it and stop coming up with unrealistic ideas."

It was far from a knee-ierk

Jon Ashworth finds a genial host

in a competitive frame of mind

response. Branson, it emerges, caught wind of the imminent announcement and flew his key advisers to Necker Island in the Caribbean to draft a response. Ironically, he flew British Airways, arriving back on the morning of the BA

announcement. I catch up with Branson in his wife's Saab, en route to his son's school sports day at a venue in north London. It is the only time he has been able to spare all week - and the pace does not let up. On Wednesday, he plays host to journalists on Virgin's inaugural flight to Washington, then embarks on a round of meetings and press conferences. He flies back on Thursday. ready to entertain friends to dinner. "I've got 24,000 people coming to a seven-day party at my house in the country. All the staff and their children,

are spread weekends. **6** If the balloon Partying pretty much sums ever went things up for Branson down, Virgin's present, with name is strong or without BA. He has enough 9 just completed a round of

'moraleboosting" parties for staff of Eurostar, where Virgin has stepped in to handle sales and marketing.

His duties required him to turn up at a function in Kent dressed as a rabbit. "For oneand-a-half very sweaty hours I was going around the table entertaining everybody as a rabbit, and must have lost the best part of a stone." It can only get worse. He is due at Disneyland Paris on July 1, to inaugurate the new direct Eurostar service.

After his son's sports day on Thursday, he drove to Oxford, where Raymond Blanc was opening Le Petit Blanc, a sister restaurant to Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons, in which Virgin has a 50 per cent interest. Weekends might find him taking a quick break in

Virgin has grown into a huge web of companies, employing 12,500 people, and

generating a pre-tax profit of £200 million on turnover of £2 billion a year. Since 1992, when Virgin Music was sold to Thorn EMI for £560 million, the company has expand-ed into soft drinks, spirits, hotels, cinemas, radio and television, trains and financial services. Virgin Atlantic continues to expand, with a new service to Johannesburg starting in October, and routes to Antigua, Barbados and St Lucia next spring. A new European airline, Virgin Ex-

press, starts flying from Brussels imminently. "We have nearly doubled the size of the employees since we sold the record company with all the new ventures that we've started. I am not a believer in having money sitting in a bank account not being used. It's there to be invested. It's also nice to have girlfriends ... " The festivities no debt." Some wonder wheth-

er Virgin could survive without Richard Branson. Sources at Lloyd's of mate the keyman insurlife at £34 million. Branson is confident

that the company is bigger than the man. "If the balloon ever went down, I think the Virgin name is now strong enough," he says. "I think my loss would not be too serious." A fresh round-the-world ballooning attempt is planned for

later in the year.

Does he ever tire of the photo-calls, the stunts, the swashbuckling antics? My general philosophy is, if you decide to do something, throw yourself into it, and do it well, and enjoy it as much as you can. I've never been, strange though it may seem, enormously comfortable with this 'making a fool of oneself' in order to get the message across, but I've grown to get

on with it and get it done." About half Branson's time is devoted to new ventures. His return to his record label roots is one example. Virgin Direct might branch into mortgages. and personal banking. Later in the year, Virgin is opening a bridal shop near Trafalgar Square, offering everything from wedding dresses to wedding videos. Virgin has ten different teams assessing new projects. "We have targeted about ten industries which we think are fairly large, and fairly complacent, and maybe overcharge quite a lot, and where we think we can do it

Surely there is a danger of diluting the Virgin brand? "Obviously, if we were to ever do something which the public couldn't identify with then, yes. we could dilute the brand," he says. "When we went into Virgin Cola, somebody was saying: 'Do you really want to see the Virgin name lying in a gutter on a cola can"?"

Branson, 46 next month, must sometimes wonder whether partying will get the better of him. Last weekend he was in Chichester, helping his sister to celebrate her birthday. Leaving the family, he boarded a helicopter, and flew to Norwich where Virgin Direct was hosting a bash. He drove back to Chichester on Sunday morning, then re-turned home to Holland Park, west London, in the evening. "I'd like an eight-hour night, but I don't normally get it," he laughs. "The kids get us up pretty early."

Branson tries to make time for his son Sam, 10, and daughter Holly, 13. "I actually try, in my diary, to put crosses through kids' holidays, which is much more than most fathers do. and be with them on holiday. I might be working the whole day, but at least I'm away with them on their holiday." The family goes to Necker "if it's not booked",

and recently spent a week canoeing down the Zambezi. We arrive at the school playing fields - just too late for the father's race - and the commotion starts all over again. A girl grabs Branson for a photo. Someone else tries to interest him in some planes from Iraq. An exhausted Peter OToole flops on the lawn. breathlessly tugging on socks and shoes.

Joan Branson appears, offering sandwiches and champagne. Sam arrives with some friends, and feigns indifference. "Dad, you made it," he says, rummaging in the picnic hamper. "I didn't think you'd



Uncle Sam for an hour's publicity, but Richard Branson can always find time for his son's sports day, even if he's late

#### HIDDEN ASSETS

# Rare combination of talents graces walls of a law firm

CORPORATE art collecting of talents. Many companies that invest large sums in art are inclined towards safely traditional investments, keeping the finance director onside, but laying themselves open to accusations of excess conservatism. It would, on the other hand, take a rare conviction and a great deal of tact when planning an office interior to venture into the realms of Damien Hirst or the late Helen Chadwick with their works of melted choco-

late and dried blood. It takes a discerning eye to invest wisely in contemporary artists, particularly in unknown, untested artists. and to come up with a clearly defined and focused collection that is financially as well as artistically and intellectually viable.

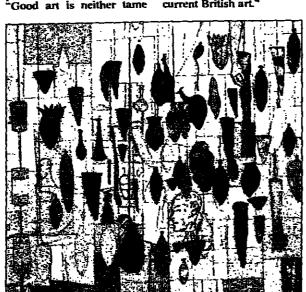
Stuart Evans, a partner of Simmons & Simmons - the 100-year-old international law firm - and an experi-enced and enlightened art collector in his own right, has succeeded, however, in assembling over the past three years an integrated collection of 1990s art by young British artists to fill the firm's new client reception areas and suite of conference rooms in its Wilson Street offices.

"I tried to buy works which would fit the environment of Simmons & Simmons and yet would challenge the some what reactionary tradition of English corporate collecting. A lot of recent work by young British artists has been grounded in photography and we decided to broaden the collection to include works by artists using phoJoanna Pitman finds an old practice endowed with modern British art

tography as their medium."

he says.
Admittedly, Simmons & Simmons has a professional interest in the contemporary art world, having advised a number of young British artists, including Damien Hirst and Tracey Emin: The firm is also advising the Tate Gallery on the structuring financing of the Bankside project for the new

Tate Gallery of Modern Art. Even so, Evans had a challenge on his hands obtaining a modicum of consensus from his colleagues, all of whom had differing ideas on the extent to which he could push the artistic boundaries. nor tameable. It has been fascinating to see which pictures, as they went up over a period of months, created the most stir." But Evans had a clear direction and focus in mind for this partieular collection, and, since its completion this year, he appears to have won over most of the dissenters. "As well as supporting the arts, our aim has been to bring to young artists a showcase beyond the galleries in which their work is usually seen, and to provide ourselves and our clients with the opportunity to engage with what I believe to be some of the most interesting elements in



The Well by David Austen is one of the works on display

sent the well-known as well as the unknown names of recent British art (some of the artists are currently representing Britain in exhibitions abroad and attracting international attention) and they range from quirky figuration to elegant abstraction. all focusing on aspects of daily reality represented often through unusual means and media. There is an enormous variety in styles. imagery, media and methods in the collection, from oil paint to plastic clothes tags. from panoramic landscape to refined abstraction to claustrophobic interiors. Naturally the styles and range of work of many of the young artists will change over time and some of those represented, including Fiona Rae and Michael Landy, have already made distinct progress from the time that their works for this collec-

tion were made. Burlington Magazine, who advised on part of the collec-tion, is pleased with the overali result. "Good collec-'it may be that all the work is by a single artist or comes from a particular period of

be congratulating the discerning eye behind this collection?" asks Shone. "Will the jewel be the Simon Patterson or the Nicholas May; or will we bemoan the fact that there weren't more works by Angus Fairhurst? It scarcely matters as the impression of the whole is the crucial consideration."



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# Shares end a lacklustr week with another los

SHARE prices rounded off a lacklustre week with a tired performance and closed at their low for the day. In thin trading, the FT-SE 100 index saw an early 11-point lead wiped out to finish 5.2 points lower at 3,772.3 with only 768 million shares changing hands. The index fell 31.3 points on the week.

The latest CBI survey on manufacturing output raised hopes that there is scope for another cut in interest rates. But with the summer season now in full swing, investor interest proved short-lived. A brief flurry of activity was also provided by the expiry of the June series of the FT-SE 100 index traded options.

The three new additions to the top 100 companies came under the spotlight before their inclusion as constituents for the first time on Monday. United News & Media, publisher of the Daily Express, firmed 6p to 722p, while Orange, the mobile phone operator, fell 2p to 24312 p and Next rose 3p to 592p.

Those being relegated include. Greenalls Group. down 14p at 576p, Foreign Colonial Investment Trust, 2p easier at 1494 p, and Rexam, down 612p at 32512p.

Whitbread was a flat market, falling 112 p to 7182 p after ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, turned bearish of the stock, claiming tat it was overvalued.

The setback for the shares revived talk that the group is about to hit the takeover trail. Once again there is speculation it may be about to buy the Oddbins off-licence chain from Seagram. Another name linked with Whitbread earlier this week was Tom Cobleigh. the managed pubs chain, down 6p at 246p.

British Airways shed Ip at 554p after a threat from the Office of Fair Trading to refer its link-up with American Airlines to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. As from next April, the two carriers will co-ordinate flights and bookings between Britain and the US.

Rhino, the computer and video games retailer, rose 140 to 172p after some bullish comments about current trading. The group told shareholders at the annual meeting that all its stores now trade under the name Electronics Boutique, with 19 stores refurbished and a further 30 to be completed by the year-end.



Next shares are set for the top 100 shop window

Sales in the stores that have been remodelled are up 60 per

Plans by Blue Circle Industries. Britain's biggest cement producer, to invest a total of £330 million in its cement operations during the next six years were rewarded with a rise of 4p to 300p.

Oxford Molecular fell 8p to 329p as a large part of the traders will normally only make a price in 5,000 at a time. Mersey Docks and Harbour was an early casualty. losing 26p at 378p, having briefly touched 355p, after announcing the loss of its biggest contract with Atlantic Container Line. Mersey Docks said the loss of the

contract was a serious blow to

the Royal Seaforth Container

Dawson Holdings, which is listed on AIM, fell 10p to £16.65 as 2 per cent of the company changed hands. Sutherlands, the broker, arranged a put-through in 120,000 shares at £16.75. worth £2.01 million. Dawson is planning to acquire the rest of the shares in PWJ Surridge, the newspaper distributor.

company changed hands. Cazenove, the broker, placed 7.5 million shares, or 8 per cent of the issued share capital, for a client at 320p. The shares are believed to have belonged to one of the venture capitalists backing the group. Only last month. Cazenove placed another large parcel of shares on behalf of a venture capitalist at around 300p. By the close of business a total of 15.35 million shares had changed hands in a market where

Terminal, but was not critical to the Port of Liverpool or the group itself. Brokers said that 1,000 jobs could be lost, even though profits were unlikley to be badly affected.

First-time trading in Jarvis Hotels got off to a positive start after the issue was oversubscribed, Offered at 175p, the price opened at 193p, its best of the day, before settling at 1792p, a premium of 92p. One of its biggest shareholders is Electra Investment Trust

MOVERS	OF THE WEEK
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Takeover Schroders, the bank, made the m iterated "buy" rec tion from BZW with adding 32p at El3 Gibbs at BZW has pretax profit forec current year from E to £250 million a million to £280 m time round. A total of 233,145 shares were eventually traded in a 3,000 share market.

High-flying British Biotechnology was a nervous market in front of full-year figures next week, ending the session 102p lower at £25.08. Despite the sharp rise in the share price this year (up from £16.83p) the group has yet to make a profit. Greig Middleton, the broker, is forecasting another loss of E25 million compared with £26.3 million last time. On Thursday, the group announced that Marimastat, its cancer treatement, had begun Phase 3 trials.

☐ GILT-EDGED: The Lon-

don market outperformed its overseas rivals to score some useful gains by the close. Prices were squeezed higher in thin trading, although there was further evidence of support at the lower levels. But enuine demand remained thin, with the continued absence of sellers underpinning the market.

The Bank of England took advantage of the market's positive performance to issue further tranches of indexlinked stock. These included E200 million of Treasury Index-Linked 212 per cent 2009 and £200 million of Treasury Index-Linked 212 per cent

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industrial average was up 15.51 points at 5.674.94.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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**TEMPUS** 

# Concrete proposal

plans. Five years before it could possibly come on stream, and even before it has asked for planning permission, it has announced it wants to build a big new cement plant and

close two older plants. The company said it has made the early announcement because it wants to give as much time as possible for consultations with residents in the preferred site in Holborough. north Kent. But it must also have realised that, if it had tried to keep its plans under wraps, and news that it was seeking planning permission for a big plant leaked out - as these things tend to do - the markets would immediately presume it was increasing its UK cement production capacity. With cement sales down some 3 per cent last year and still

BLUE CIRCLE cannot be accused of giving looking shaky, the logic of stepping up investors too little warning about its future capacity would be questioned and the company's shares punished accordingly.

Instead, what Blue Circle signalled yesterday is that UK capacity is to remain the same but that production is to be more efficient.

The second part of the investment programme announced yesterday - £150 million to be spent over six years on improving efficency of existing operations - is not a dramatic increase on the company's normal spending, which would be expected to be about \$120 million in that period and it will hardly affect its balance sheet.

The UK investment will also, fortunately, not affect Blue Circle's ability to forge on with overseas acquisitions so that it can expand in markets, particularly in the Far East, which have real potential for growth.

#### Mersey Docks

JUST when it looked as if choppy waters at Mersey Docks and Harbour Corporation were subsiding, the withdrawal of ACL from the port threatens to submerge negotiations to resolve the costly labour dispute.

The shares, which have been sliding down since the start of the dispute, took a further knock yesterday anticipating the impact of the loss of ACL business and the mounting costs of a pro-longed dispute.

Analysts have revised down profit forecasts for the current year to about £35 million pre-tax, with earn-

ings of 26p. Pre-tax profits fell 5.6 per cent to £31.7 million last year. with the drop reflecting the £4 million cost of the dispute in 1995 as well as losses on its

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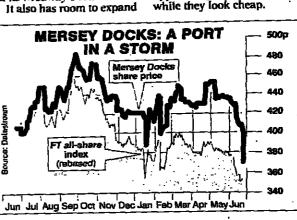
ry. While the renewed uncertainty will continue to hit the shares, not all analysts recommend baling out.

The container trade is only one part of the Mersey Docks business, and last year's figures clearly show the strength of trade elsewhere in Liverpool as well as in its Medway Ports.

AB Ports, so is well placed to draw in more international trade. Mersey Docks' shares have underperformed the market and are risky in the

unlike competitors such as

short term, but on a longerterm view of the company's prospects, it could be a good opportunity to get on board



#### Jarvis Hotels

THE City is desperate to buy into hotel stocks at the moment, so it was not too surprising to see Jarvis Hotels make a comfortable debut on the stock market yesterday. The shares were heavily oversubscribed and the company was able to float at 175p. 5p above the top of the range offer price set in the initial prospectus.

Shareholders were also able to enjoy an instant premium, aithough the shares have hardly been undervalued to the extent of a privatisation issue.

After such a promising debut, it may be hard for Jarivs to live up to all the expectations. But the company has good fundamentals and should offer room for modest but steady growth. Pre-tax profits are predict-

ed to rise by about 25 per cent in each of the next two years. driven by higher occupancy levels and some price increases. The company will

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also continue to benefit from a modest tax charge because of inherited tax losses from acquisitions. Low gearing of about 29 per cent should enable the company to expand through new purchases that can be absorbed with little extra increase in overheads.

The company has good cash flow and the dividend should accelerate from the notional 3.4p for 1996. A price closer to 205p would place the shares on the sector average rating. Jarvis still has plenty of room to grow.

#### Whittard

ENGLISH tea is one of those products like marmalade or oatcakes that, wrapped in a Union Jack, will sell at a pre-Whittard already has a strong presence in France and Japan and is hoping to build on its international success. But don't expect to see a new Hanson or Rockeleller. Empire-builders are not wel-

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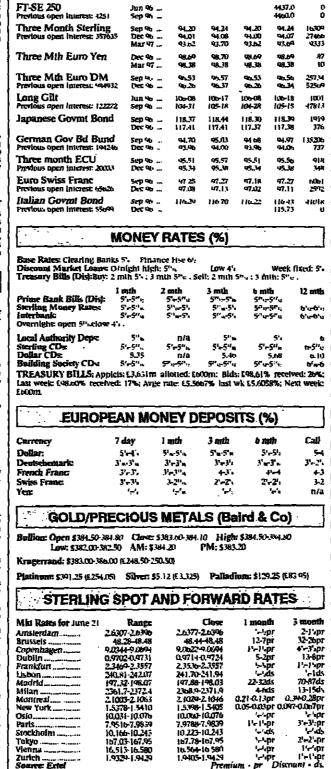
management.
The Whittard strategy is to stick to what you know. The management wants the company to grow sensibly and will avoid any business it does not fully understand. By giving staff free shares the company is making a longterm commitment not only to its employees, which it trains in its own "academy", but to the tea sector.

The chairman and his chief executive are embarking on an exercise rarely seen in the City - they are giving away money, handing out a minimum of £500 to every loyal employee when they float the company. And what's more, they are not digging into the company's pockets but their own. They are committed to spending £200,000 (15 per cent of last year's profits on maintaining their employees goodwill. Four times oversubscribed, these shares seems a safe bet in the sometimes fickle world of the Alternative Investment Market.

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# Years away from split pensions

Anne Ashworth on new divorce rules that may not become law until the end of the decade

loud hurrah grected the last-minute inclusion of pensions splitting in the Family Law Bill that enshrines the new divorce rules. The proposal, which should allow pensions to be divided at the time of the decree absolute, was hailed as a victory for the middle-aged housewife who loses the right to her husband's pension when her mar-

But the euphoria swiftly dissipated as it became clear that the new rules will not become law until the end of the decade. Moreover, although the rules cover husbands as well as wives, they will not apply retrospectively, to the chagrin of those who have already divorced.

The Department of Social Security is preparing a Green Paper on pension splitting. likely to be published at the end of next month. After consultation, there will be a White Paper.

A change of government during the period would hand over the responsibility for drafting the law to the Labour Party, further slowing down the process. One matrimonial lawyer remarked this week that Labour might live to regret its insistence that pensions splitting be included in the Bill, because of its comcity. Matrimonial

almost universally support pensions splitting. They see it as the only way to compensate properly a woman who has not had the opportunity to build up her own retirement savings for the loss of her husband's pension rights. That does not mean however, that they underestimate the

problems involved. The DSS - which has always been opposed to pension splitting - emphasises the cost and complexity of the move. Although personal pensions can simply be put asunder, dividing company pension assets is another matter. The DSS maintains company schemes are already overwhelmed with the additional obligations of the Pensions Act 1995.

ill Birmingham, of the National Association of Pension Funds. which represents the pension industry, believes that trustees and managers should be able to handle the responsibility of dividing pensions.

He said: "Schemes are not

only coping with the Pensions Act, they are also dealing with requests from insurance companies calculating the compensation for those wrongly advised to leave company schemes. However, while pen-sions splitting will be tough, it can be achieved, but only if it is ht in after th

tation of the Pensions Act next

Mr Birmingham explains that pension fund holdings are regularly valued, so that members can transfer. These figures could be used to split pensions. One reason for the Government's opposition to pension splitting has been the difficulties surrounding public sector schemes. Civil servants' pensions are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. The schemes themselves have no assets to be apportioned. The NAPF, however, has suggested that the divorced spouse could be made a de facto member of the scheme and receive his, or her, portion when the civil servant

The inclusion of pensions

splitting in the Bill has overshadowed the introduction on July 1 of pensions earmarking. This was the Government's first concession to demands for a fairer deal. Under earmarking, or "deferred maintenance", a spouse becomes entitled to a share of the pension, not on divorce, but on the retirement of his or her spouse. Ian Pittaway, partner at Sacker & Partners, the specialist pension lawyer. explains that the new law, which applies to divorce petitions filed on or after July 1, 1996, gives courts the powers for the first time to award payments from pension funds.



There were doubtless discussions over Bob Geldof's pension expectations, as well as his estimated £10 million fortune, during his divorce from Paula Yates

n advance of the implementation of the pension earmarking rules, matrimonial lawyers report a rush of wealthy husbands seeking to protect their pensions from their wives by divorcing be-

fore the new rules come in. These men are obviously unaware that although the earmarking provisions give the courts the powers for the first time to make payments from pensions, retirement savings are already taken into account in divorce settlements. The ending of the colourful marriage of Bob Geldof and Paula Yates doubtless contained discussion of his pension expecta-tions, as well as the rest of his estimated £10 million fortune.

# Husbands seek separation in vain to safeguard riches

the pension, or risk being accused of negligence. This responsibility was underlined in the Griffiths v Dawson & Co case. Special businesses have sprung up to help lawvers to tackle the convoluted topic of pensions. For example, Divorce Corporation, a division of Abbey National, based in Sheffield, offers a full review of pension rights that includes obtaining all the necessary documents. The claims its ser-

vices can reduce divorce costs by as much as £1,200. Frances Hughes, head of family law at Bates. Wells &

Braithwaite, the solicitor, says that much of her time is now spent resolving pension questions. She explains: "Pensions are less problematic when the rich divorce, as there are sufficient assets to allow the court to place the spouse in a position where she has enough to live off for the rest of her life. For example, there

bution (AVC) funds can be used now, in advance of pensions splitting, to provide a dependant's pension for the

"For couples with fewer resources, pensions are more tricky. The earmarking rules will not deal satisfactorily with the problem. For example, they do not give the wife an automatic pension on the death of the husband, as her earmarking rights die with him. As the ex-wife is not the

widow, she does not qualify for the widow's pension.

"You can sometimes get round this by utilising part of the widows pension. as a dependant's pension for the ex-wife. But if you allocate the pension in this way, then it has a serious effect on the husband's pension."

lan Pittaway, a partner at Sacker & Partners, says that some pension funds have yet to realise the full impact that earmarking will have on their administrative. systems. "They will see a significant increase in the number of their members, as ex-spouses become entitled to a pension. More records will have to be kept and payments made, at a time when there is pressure

# Grass looks greener abroad but...

Tempted by a move to Greece, Spain or Italy? Plenty have been. After all, the sun shines constantly. the people are friendly, the food is good ... and the pensions are the most generous in Eurone. Another reason to buy that second home - and possibly make it your first.

actuaries and benefit consulthe European pensions league. gross salary on retirement. at the bottom of the European generosity league, replacing just 63 per cent of gross final salary on average. The British figure include a substantial proportion of benefits from

and cons of the good life in Europe

necupational pensions as well as from the State. Italian employers pay the

equivalent of an extra 50 per of salary towards your pension. To put this into perspective, British employers are the least generous in Europe, paying just 8 per cent of salary into your pension on average, although a large number of employers make voluntary contributions, pushing the typical level to 20 per cent.

But before you pack and head for the airport, it is worth reading the Sedgwick report carefully. The firm's 1996-97 Guide to Employee Benefits and Labour Law in Europe also reveals that Italy and Spain have some of the highest unemployment rates, at 12.6 per cent and 22.8 per cent respectively in 1995. These are a decided dampener on your prospects for a healthy pension balance and make the UK's 8 per cent unemployment rate look quite healthy.

Unfortunately, the UK scores badly on what you could call "quality of life" benefits such as holidays and maternity pay. For the best deals on maternity pay, you should head north to Sweden. where mothers and fathers between them are allowed more than a year of paid leave

eight years of the child's life. Sweden is also one of a number of countries that allow employees a statutory number of days paid holiday a year. The only three countries that have no statutory holidays are Britain, Italy and the US. To add insult to injury. Britain also has one of the lowest numbers of Bank Holidays a year of any country in Europe. It has just eight, compared with Spain's 14. Greece's 12. and Italy's ten.

Perhaps it would be worth packing the bags and heading south after all ...

Weekend Money is edited by Anne Ashworth

#### Sara McConnell assesses the pros and reduced hours for the first

According to a report published this weekend from Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, the tant, the three countries top paying up to 86 per cent of Most of this comes from the State. Pensions in Britain rank

ednesday's first anniversary of the Stock Exchange's Alternative Jacobs Processing Section 1 tive Investment Market was marked by upheat celebrations that seemed unlikely when it started. What first appeared as an ugly duckling had quickly turned into a swan. This happy transformation was not, however, just a

matter of nature taking its course. The start was inauspicious because big name establishment institutions were sniffy. AIM looked a poor relation of the Unlisted Securities Market it was destined to replace, carrying less regulation and, therefore, less assurance.

Many remembered earlier illiquid and spivvy sub-markets for new or small companies. AIM was, indeed, developed in part because international harmonisation had brought too big an overlap between the main stock market listing and the USM, making the latter obsolete. If big investors were sniffy and many good USM stocks transferred to a full listing. AIM might also fail to attract ambitious companies keen to raise money and enhance their reputations.

These fears were dispelled only because private investors took to the new market (partly spurred by tax breaks) and because a few Stock Exchange firms dedicated to private investors and new companies — such as the promoter Beeson Gregory and the market-maker Winterflood Securities - committed themselves wholeheartedly to the new market. This proved a powerful combination. After a slow start, AIM gathered speed fast. From ten companies at the start, it now boasts 164. A total market value of £52 million has grown to £3.4

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Keep AIM on target

billion, although most of that is locked up in the hands of core investors.

Growth of turnover in the market is even more telling. On the first day, there were just 28 bargains. Even after four months, total turnover had reached only a modest £95 million. Before the 12month anniversary, however, it had comfortably topped £1 billion.

Institutional investors have climbed heavily on board, partly on their own account and partly through specialist trusts aimed at the private investor and tax benefits that stem from AIM companies being "unquoted". Given the higher risk associated with young, often single-product companies, trusts have great appeal. Since the start of 1996, there has even been an AIM share index. Not surprisingly, given this upsurge in interest, it leads the all-share index strongly.

AlM has become fashionable, along with the football clubs and media operations that feature in it and underline its lead role in business developments. This institutional interest is vital to the market's role as a raiser of capital. but a mixed blessing. So far AlM has had a fair economic wind behind it and. therefore, remarkably few disasters. Unless you believe that Tony Blair really will end "boom and bust" cycles, it will not always be so and a mass exit by the City herd would make AlM shares even

more volatile than they are by nature. Per contra, AIM could become too respectable. Much is now made of the high entry price necessitated by nominated sponsors taking their onerous responsibilities to institutional investors (and professional liability insurers) ever more seriously. But respectability comes at a price. Impressive as the market's growth has been, some insiders were looking for twice as many entrants by now, until costly lawyers' and accountants' fees became the norm.

fund managers take more interest in new and risky companies in new and risky companies. But they must not take over AIM. The dead hand of bureaucratic convenience that comes with dominance would stille the source of AIM's original success, which lay with private investors who had enough spare cash and spirit to take risks and back outsiders. The lesson of AIM is that private investors really matter, Indeed, the Stock Exchange should learn that lesson by creating a national market for smaller listed stocks that has a rulebook and culture to suit the needs of small investors rather than the largely uninterested institutions.



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# Caroline Merrell and Jody Brettkelly on the latest timeshare sales patter

# How the dream of buying a place in the sun turns sour



Trading standards officers are investigating the activities of Newby Finance, a mortgage company plaints about the refinance deals offered on timeshare

Newby Finance is one trading name of another company based in Leicester, the Mortgage Advice Centre (MAC), which is already under investigation by the Office of Fair Trading.

The complaints against Newby, which received a consumer credit licence at the beginning of the year, centre on quotes given to tourists in Spanish holiday resorts for remortgaging their homes to

Holidaymakers claim they were told that they could reduce their total outgoings by going through this process. Upon returning to Britain,

YOU may think that you are above being pressured into signing up to buy timeshare apartments, but as holidaymakers have become more aware of the ploys used by salesmen to encourage them to sign on the dotted line, so the methods employed by the touts have evolved along ever more sophisticated and complicated avenues. Now holidaymakers are not only subjected to hours of hard-sell patter, while at the mercy of the timeshare company reps. They are also tempted with the promise of reducing their mortgage payments back in Britain, offered the chance of employment, or led to believe that they can swap the timeshare. they already own. Here The Times looks at the experiences of holidaymakers who bitterly regret the day they accepted an invitation for a discussion about how to guarantee a place in the sun.

and after a consultation with Newby Finance, they found that their costs would rise. When they tried to escape from the deal, they say the timeshare company threatened them with legal action.

Peter Hayes, a chef from Cheshire, is one such holidaymaker. He was offered a chance of remortgaging his home via Newby to buy a timeshare. When he returned to England, he found that the remortgage would cost a lot more than he claims he had been led to believe. Mr Hayes is now trying to get out of his timeshare agreement, and endeavouring to get his £850 deposit returned.

The inquiry into Newby comes after an investigation was started into MAC, which was the subject of a "minded to revoke" notice from the Office of Fair Trading two months ago. This action could end



Touts are lulling holidaymakers into a false sense of security by telling them their credit card company is jointly liable if anything goes wrong

with the purchase It is true that under section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act your card company should pay up if the goods are wrongly described or nonexistent. This also applies to overseas transactions because of a voluntary agreement by the banks.

The rule has been in place since May 15 last year, but is

But the ruse is that the touts take you to the bank and ask you to use your credit card to make a cash advance for the timeshare deposit. What they do not tell you is that your credit card company will not bail you out for cash advances.

"How can you lose out? If you are not happy, your credit card company pays up" tions, the Time Share Council says, some banks are dragging their heels about paying up for other transactions.

Gerald Martin, 62, of Carshalton, Surrey, has asked for his money back from TSB and Barclays. The former engineering assistant used redundancy money to buy into a property in Miraflores last vear without realising it was a timeshare.

The total cost was £25,000 and they told me it was freehold and I could easily sell

it on," he says.

He bought the property as his partner of 17 years, Margaret Buck, had suffered a heart attack and needed a restful place to recover.

But after paying the £5,000 deposit using two credit cards, Mr Martin realised that he was, in fact, buying a timeshare for eight weeks that was worth about £5,000. He is now trying to recover that deposit with the help of the

# wish you had refused

"If you buy our timeshare, we will give you a new life and a new job"

painter and decorator, were looking forward

While on holiday there this month they It cost £6,000 but they were attracted by

To demonstrate how much the couple could

and they seemed very keen to take us on as salespeople because we were a couple."

She paid a deposit of £600 on her National & Provincial Visa card and they agreed to

take out a loan with the company for the remaining £5,200, which they undertook to pay back at the rate of £125 a month.

They have yet to sign for the loan, but they

making the payments in nine months' time. The next morning they had grave reserva-tions about the deal but were told they could

And when the couple got back to their flat in Folkestone, Kent, they looked at their week's accommodation at the resort to her family and friends for £150 and they can keep the money. But as Ms Bingham points out "Anyone who buys this one week's accommodation off me still has to pay for their flights and car hire because the resort is an hourand-a-half away from the airport. So this is

presentations from the timeshare people." They say they are being urged by European Collectors, the resort's collection agency, to sign for a loan. They have been told by this agency that only good agents actually eventually get a job in the resort. The whole thing is a mess," says Ms Binghan. "It really

share company, who described himself as an in-house manager, said: "You're poking your nose where it's not wanted. I don't want to speak to you." He then put down the

# An offer you

Janet Bingham, an unemployed residential home carer, and her partner, Paul Brisley, a to starting a new life in Majorca.

signed up for a one-week timeshare in the resort of Garden Lago Puerto D'Alcuda. explanations about how they could become timeshare agents, living free for the first month in one of the resorts owned by Atlas

make from working for the company, a salesman showed his payslip to Janet, 29, and Paul, 31. They say they got the impression they could earn as much as £2,000 a week. Ms Bingham says: "It really seemed like a great way to get ahead and start a new life

understand they are legally obliged to start

hardly a bargain. They also have to listen to

is quite a worrying situation."

A spokesman for Garden Lago, the time-



COMMEN ASHWORTH Personal Finance Sarah Jones

# DSS sings the same old tune

The song said that "breaking up was so very hard to do" and the Department of Social Security is determined to prove it beyond doubt. You can almost hear the strains of the Neil Sedaka hit sounding out from the department's Whitehall headquarters.

Since the beginning of the campaign for pensions splitting at divorce, the DSS has been against the measure. This opposition is curious in light of the widespread support for splitting, but not inexplicable. Insurance companies, peers and pension funds may believe that a spouse who has dedicated life to home and family has a right to a share of a substantial household asset. But the DSS can see only the potential cost to public sector

pension schemes.

As support has grown for splitting, the DSS found one pretext after another to fend off the division of pensions at divorce. One of these arguments centres on lost tax revenue. An exwife can set her personal tax allowance against her pension, so paying less tax. The woman who remains married cannot use her allowance in this way, as the pension is taxed as her husband's income. This is, of course, true. However, it overlooks the various taxsaving opportunities open to couples. For example, a husband can transfer investments into his wife's name, making it possible for her to exploit her allowance.

The latest counter-attack against splitting is the extra expenditure and work involved for the pension industry. But earmarking, or the division of a pension at retirement, the Government's first and highly imperfect solution to the pension question, will be infinitely more costly in both money and scheme-manager time than a clean break. Imagine the disputes that will result when a pension is paid out to a spouse whom your subsequently remarried employee divorced a

Earmarking becomes law on July I, as the Green Paper on splitting nears completion. Lawyers specialising in divorce and pensions believe that the legislation should be as straightforward as possible. For example, there should be one statutory basis for calculating pension rights, rather than a number of different methods. However, few suspect that clarity and simplicity will be a prime consideration of the DSS. Delay seems set to be the keynote. Meanwhile, pity the poor pension scheme manager obliged to act as mediator between members and their former

#### Compensation at last

THE Cheltenham & Gloucester has, at last, closed a less than illustrious chapter in its 146year-old history.

This week it paid out £7.5 million in compensation to 319 pensioners who been sold unsuitable home income plans, backed by C&G loans. These high-risk plans were arranged by Aylesbury Associates, a now disgraced firm of financial advisers. C&G also paid an ex-gratia E7 million to the Investors' Compensation Scheme, which had already distributed some cash to these elderly victims.

That the C&G still denies liability is likely to be of little concern to those who have finally received their due. Vulnerable and unsophisticated, they were advised to borrow against the value of their homes to invest in bonds. When these bonds slumped in value, even as the interest accumulated on their loans, they were left in fear of repossession.

The C&G should now serve as an example to the prominent societies, including National Counties and West Bromwich, that are also being chased by the ICS for moneys paid out to home income clients. Even if they are unmoved by the plight of pensioners, they should remember that there are public relations rewards in being magnanimous.



Carole Hibberd was lured by hope of selling a timeshare

# Soft sell, hard finish

want to

with the company losing its credit licence. It is fighting the

action, which is in the process

of being dealt with by the Office of Fair Trading's adju-dication procedure. The com-

pany was the subject of about

80 complaints, including one

from Michael and Margaret

Fisher, from Swindon, who

were persuaded to sign up for a refinance deal when in Minorca. They too claim that the quote provided in the resort for their remortgage was less than the quote actual-

ly offered back in the U.K.

When they tried to get out of the deal, they say they were

threatened with legal action by

Ian Smith, a spokesman for the MAC, said the allegations

were unfounded. He said: "We

are fighting the Office of Fair

Trading's action." A Newby

spokesman said he was un-

the timeshare company.

This very successful sell-buy marketing technique is expected to be rife this summer. Carole Hibberd, 52, a music

teacher, and her husband, David, 47, a builder, looked forward to a lifetime of holidays beneath bright sun and blue skies when they bought a timeshare in Tenerife three years ago. But all was not so when the Croydon couple started having problems swapping their week for one in the school holidays to

their money out of the country. Apparently these Russian clients had asked for our exact timeshare week and would pay £7,500," Mrs Hibberd

Initially, they were surprised at the generosity of the offer as the timeshare had only cost them E4,000. In return, the Hibberds had to buy a new timeshare in Tenerife costing £8,500. But that suited them as was a week in the school holidays and the apartment was more luxurious.

The Hibberds thought the company was contractually obliged to sell their first timeshare within nine months. But after reading the documentation they realised there was no obligation, although it said it was "unlikely" the timeshare would not sell.

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More than a year down the line, their first timeshare has not been sold and the couple

#### have fully paid off the second timeshare. The contract says that if the

timeshare company does not sell the first timeshare within nine months, the Hibberds can request that the second timeshare be sold. They made this request in January, but there is no time limit on how

long the company can take to sell it. To make matters worse. the second timeshare has still not been completed, nor has the airport which allows ac-Mrs Hibberd says: "We went back to Tenerife recently and we saw a lot of people

being approached by touts, trying to sell them a timeshare. I just wanted to tell them to run away right then and there. Diana Hanks, customer ser-

vices manager for the Time Share Council, the self-regulatory body, says buyers should ensure the timeshare company is a member of their

#### suit Andrew, their son of 14. While on holiday a year ago. they were approached by a timeshare salesman in the street. But instead of starting up a hard-sell patter, he seemed very keen to buy their timeshare. It seemed their problems would be solved. He told us they had Ruswealthy and wanted to get todays offer

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#### Sarah Jones on the National Savings Investment Account's 30th anniversary



Pamela Benstead with her sons, Richard, 16, and James. 12, who were treated differently over the 30-day notice rule

ots of candles are being blown out on the birth-day cake at National Savings this week. The Investment Account is 30 years old. These days more than 45 million people have accounts with a total of £9.3 billion invested.

Introduced in the 1965 Budget by James Callaghan when he was Chancellor and launched the next June, the Investment Account required a minimum investment of El. allowed a maximum ES.000 deposit, and paid 5.5 per cent gross.

But there have been several changes to the account recently. The minimum deposit is now £20 and the maximum £100,000. Rates of interest are now tiered. The current rates were cut in February this year and, in line with all savings rates, are little better than 30 years ago: 5 per cent for £300-£499 and 5.75 per cent for £500-£24,999 and 5.75 per cent for £500-£24,999 and 5.75 per cent for £25,000-£100,000.

# Birthday time blues

The latest change is on access. Previously, there was a 30-day notice rule. Now investors can withdraw their money immediately — although they are penalised the equivalent of 30 days' interest. National Savings billed this in April as giving "more flexibility" to savers and "good business practice". However, Pamela Benstead, a reader of The Times views it differently.

Times, views it differently.

Her sons, Richard and James, were given money by their grandparents, which they decided to put immediately into their Investment Accounts and then withdraw half of it to have Children's Booms.

Bonds. They were treated completely differently when it came to the 30-day notice rule.

"Richard got his investment account book back with a letter to say his application would be processed in a month's time. In fact, in that month he became too old for bonus bonds so National Sav-

withdrawal.

"James got his application back saying the money from his grandparents had to be in the account for 30 days before it could be drawn on and to reapply in a month. He did that have because it was con-

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and did not charge him for

sidered an instant withdrawal he was charged £4.51. An added irritation was that the charge was taken out of his account 12 days before he actually got the bonus bonds.

"It seems to me that there is a difference between losing interest and actually having to pay National Savings for instant withdrawals."

After intervention by The Times, National Savings said that a mistake was made in James's case and he should not have been charged.

It added: "The service he got

falls far short of the service we aim to provide. Mistakes do occasionally happen and we have to put our hands up. We will be contacting Mrs Benstead to apologise. However, the new withdrawal option has been warmly welcomed by investors. The level of withdrawals has not changed, but people can now get at their money quickly if they need to."

# Bonds that encourage investor loyalty

any National Savings investors are despairing of the rates they are currently getting on their accounts. But the stark reality is that National Savings rates are not nearly as bad as the rates from equivalent savings at banks and building societies. National Savings also scores on giving comparatively reasonable rates for accounts that have low minimum balances and short notice periods and allow monthly interest, criteria normally penalised at banks and building societies.

One of the most popular accounts is the Pensioners Bond, especially since the age qualification was reduced to 60 in the last Budget. The bond pays 7 per cent gross fixed for a five-year term. There are Tessas that pay a fixed 7 per cent or more free of tax but require a minimum £3,000, whereas the Pensioners Bond starts at £500. The other attraction of the bond for pensioners is monthly interest payments.

Similarly, Income Bonds pay monthly interest. It is hard to find a building society equivalent — a 90-day account — that gives 6.25 per cent gross on balances of £2,000 to £25,000. Halifax's Solid Gold pays only 3.01-4.51 per cent gross for monthly interest. Northern Rock's Great North Postal account does pay 6.25 per cent and only has 30 days' notice but

interest is annual and the minimum

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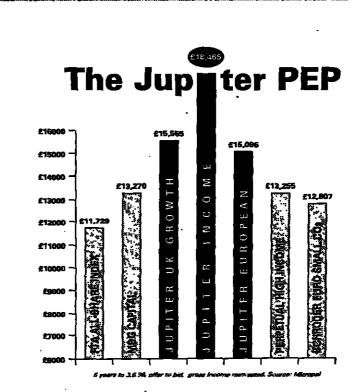
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# Home truths for buyers and sellers

Boom time beckons — or does it?

Marianne Curphey examines the

age house price might rise by

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areas could still be falling.

There are large differences

between the highest and low-

est prices being asked for

homes in the same region, and

there is not the same demand

for property that there was in

He cites London as a good

rise in the average house price

every month since the begin-

example of two-tier pricing.

"People with homes in Isling

Beware housing market hysteria. Over the past 48 hours, estate agents have been doing their best to fashion a full-scale revival of the housing market out of a few encouraging figures from

mortgage lenders. They predict the beginning of a housing boom, the eradication of negative equity, and a rise in house prices. However, many householders who have been trying to sell their house or flat for months, or even years, still have little cause for celebration.

Some have negative equity of up to £20,000, others bought homes in run-down areas because it was all they could afford and are now finding them impossible to sell. A significant proportion bought 1980s warehouse developments and studio flats that are no longer fashionable with first-time buyers.

Figures from the Building Societies Association show that societies approved mortgages worth £4.2 billion in May, the highest for any month since the end of the housing boom in

September 1989. However, Rob Thomas, building societies analyst at UBS, urges caution. "Househunters should not get carried away. House prices are currently only 4.2 per cent up on

outlook for the housing market ning of the year, but there is still currently a shortage of

suitable property."

Meanwhile, Ken Culley. chief executive of the Portman Building Society and former chairman of the Building Societies Association, believes many homeowners will stay put for some time because they will lose money on the costs of moving, even if they are without negative equity. If your home is worth

ton, Battersea, Notting Hill £90,000 and your mortgage is £90,000 you will still lose and Hampstead are starting to see prices pick up, while those who bought in Hackney, hopmoney when you sell up because you have the accumuing it would become gentri-fied, have been disappointed." lated estate agency fees, lawyers' fees, the cost of the For now, he is sticking with mortgage indemnity guaran-tee which you are obliged to his forecast of a total price rise of 5 per cent for the year. take out and the cost of the although he says he might be survey done on the house. tempted to revise it upwards if

Before the collapse of the the summer proves to be as housing market, moving did good as some estate agents are not mean losing a chunk of your capital. People made so He says: "There is a certain much money from the rise in amount of the 'feel-good' factor prices that they were able to returning to the market, but it absorb the moving costs." is too early to say whether it will stick. There has been a

Economists point to the beneficial effects of the Chancellor's recent cut in interest

rates from 6 to 5.75 per cent on June 6. Ian Shepherdson economist at HSBC, is predict ing a 5 per cent increase in house prices over the 12 months to December this year, but adds that it is "entirely possible" that the figure could a rise to 7 per cent or more.

Ciaran Barr, economist with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, is upbeat about the housing market, but counsels caution over talk of a housing "boom".

He says: The term has been used very loosely. The combination of factors which created the rabid housing market in the 1980s is not present this time. We have not had deep tax cuts and the demand for home ownership has plateaued. Negative equity may have halved since the beginning of the 1990s, but it is still a major issue for many

homeowners." Mr Barr is forecasting a 6 to 8 per cent rise in house prices this year and a further 5 to 6 per cent increase for 1997. He expects house sales to increase by up to 11 per cent and rise a further 11 per cent next year.

However, he tempers that optimism by emphasising that housing turnover is starting from a very low base. He says: This year will not even reach the levels of the mid-1980s, never mind the real boom



In a year Dale Scarboro has come close to buying four houses, spending hundreds of pounds on each survey and lawyer

# Gazumping is making a comeback

Thile estate agents wax lyrical about the fantastic opportunities available in the current "buyers' market", one Times reader and his wife spent a year and more than £1,500 searching fruitlessly for a new

During the 12 months the couple came close to buying four houses, paid for a series of surveyors' reports and legal fees. but found to their horror that the 1980s practice of gazumping had made an

unwelcome return. Dale Scarboro's ordeal began when he and his wife Carol sold their 1950s semi-detached house in Wells. Somerset, to

move to Gloucestershire. The first house they found was in Prestbury, within commuting distance of St Edwards School in Cheltenham where Mr Scarboro had a new job as a history teacher. They had exchanged contracts and had agreed an early completion date when, on a second viewing of the home, they discovered the walls were so thin that they could hear the neighbours. Mr Scarboro withdrew his offer.

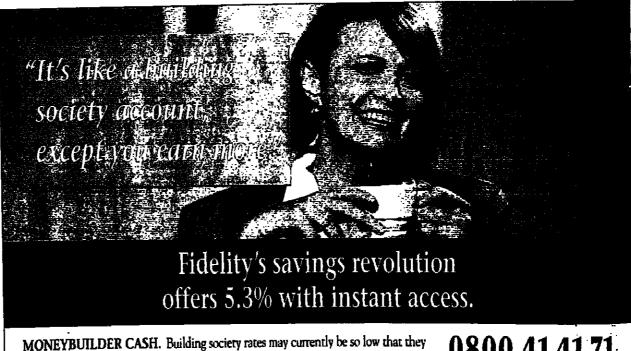
Next he tried to buy a former council house in Woodmancote but became a victim of the 1980s scourge of "gazumping". He saw it on a Wednesday while the agents were still preparing details to distribute on their mailing lists, but by Thursday afternoon three other couples had offered the full asking price. To Mr Scarboro's distress, the agent held an auction over the telephone and the price rose within hours from £83,000 to

E87,000. His offer was rejected. Mr Scarboro withdrew his offer on a third house when he discovered proposals for a bypass close by.

Estate agents told him tersely that he would have been better off if he had more money to spend. His budget, between £70,000 and £110,000, lifted him out of the first-time buyers' market of small terraced houses on busy roads, but was not enough to buy him a detached commuter home designed for middle managers.

Undeterred, he put in an offer on a fourth house, despite evidence from the surveyor's report that it required at least £1,000 restoration work. To his dismay, the house was withdrawn from the market on the day he was originally due to move into it, because a selling chain

He said: "I have spent hundreds of pounds on every survey, have shelled out for lawyers' fees and tested the hospitality of my family and friends."



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### Caroline Merrell on the new understanding among lenders of the economic realities



Life expectations: many television journalists, like those portrayed in Drop the Dead Donkey, are now working on short-term contracts

The number of people with an itinerant lifestyle has increased rapidly over the past few years, Short-term contracts, spells working abroad and the ability to follow a career around the country are the

hallmarks of modern life. Those in the business of lending money for house purchase are always quick to spot a marketing opportunity, which has led to the proliferation of a number of so-called "lifestyle loans" mortgages which are specifically designed to fit in with new ways of living.

#### **EXPAT WORKERS**

More and more people will spend a period of their life working abroad. Many of these expat workers also wish to keep a home in this country for when they return. While borrowing money to fund such a purchase can prove to be difficult, some societies will help. Alliance & Leicester, for instance, will allow expats access to its full range of mortgage products. It will lend up to 75 per cent of the property's value. The applicant must have a valid UK passport, and a right of residence in the UK. The loan can be arranged up to two years before the applicant's planned return to the UK.

The society offers a special helpline for expats: 0116 272 2899.

Halifax has a specific division to handle the expat market - Halifax Mortgage Services. The Halifax's usual range of products is available. It will lend up to 80 per cent of the value of the

### Loans taking lifestyles into account

property, provided it is ultimately going to be the primary residence. It will also lend only to those who are employees of large multinational companies. The Halifax allows owners to rent out their property until they return. It will not load the interest rate.

Other lenders are not so willing to lend in this market. The Abbey National and the Woolwich, for example, will lend only to those who are abroad hoping to buy and rent out a property in this country if they are prepared to pay a higher rate. They both consider such loans commercial lending.

#### **SHORT-TERM CONTRACTS**

Contracts of one year, six months and even three months are becoming more typical. Many newspaper and TV journalists, IT workers, teachers and even those who work for local government are now working regularly on short-term contracts. Previously, lenders would have found it difficult to offer loans to these types of people because they would have felt that they represented a bad lending risk.

Building societies are now more willing to offer finance. The Alliance & Leicester, for instance, this month announced that it intends to make all its mortgage products available to those on short-term contracts in the health and education sectors. Applicants need only to have been employed for three years in the same industry and have a contract of employment for a minimum of six months. Other societies and banks are also adopting a more flexible attitude. Abbey National, for instance, said: "We will lend to people on short-term contracts. For those on one-year contracts, we would expect some kind of assurance that the contract would be renewed at the end of the year." He added: "We are getting more flexible in our attitude, and will consider those on shorter-term three and six-month contracts. It all depends on the contract and for whom the potential borrower is working." The bank would try not to turn people

away.

The Woolwich will also lend to those on short-term contracts, provided certain terms and conditions are met. The borrower has to be a professional, in the public service, in an executive position, or the employer has to confirm in writing that the contract will be renewed.

The Bank of Scotland has a specific loan aimed at short-term contract workers, while the Halifax will try to consider each application on its merits

#### FLEXIBLE PAYMENT MORTGAGES

Many mortgage brokers and lenders are now beginning to offer loans which will allow flexible payments. These loans are aimed at those who may suffer periods of unemployment, or at couples whose income drops because they have started a family. Chase de Vere, the mortgage broker, for instance, is offering the Adaptable Life-style Mortgage. This loan allows borrowers to overpay, which means they can underpay when their finances are not in such fine shape.

John Charcol also offers a flexible mortgage scheme which allows people to buy a second property without having to sell their existing one.

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### A QUESTION OF MONEY

### Pensions extra for investment trusts

nvestment trust pensions are catching on. The latest comes from Edinburgh Fund Managers. Just two weeks after the launch it says the amount of interest from the public has been phenomenal. Edinburgh has added significant "bells and whistles" to its pension fund, but the risks remain. We answer your questions about this little-known product.

#### What is an investment Witas is an trust pension?

As it sounds really. A Providers have added a pensions wrapper to give the usual pension tax advantages to their existing investment trusts. Investment trusts are collective funds that spread investors' money across a broad range of shares.

### Q How do they work?

Contributions are used A contributions are to buy shares in investment trusts, whose value may go down as well as up. The value of the pension is

ment trust returns achieved, after costs, on the contributions made. Investors are given a choice of funds to go for. They can range from high-risk emerging market trusts to lower-risk UK-based

### Yes. The traditional

A vith-profits or unitany gains.

### So what is their selling point?

determined by the invest-

### Are they riskier than conventional pensions?

linked pensions from insurance companies have a spread of different investments, whereas investment trust pensions go solely for shares. In an attempt to lessen the risk, investors will usually be given the option of a cash fund that you can move into if the market deteriorates. Cash funds also allow you to switch to cash before retirement to preserve

They are cheaper. For a A start, they are commission-free. The charges are more transparent Typically there is a £100 set-up charge and an annual £50 administration fee, plus an annual management fee of 0.5 per cent. Stamp duty of 0.5 per cent will also be charged on

all share purchases and switches. That, providers say, adds up to less than you pay for a conventional pension. However, it is cheaper only if the fund performs well. Investment trust pensions

are also flexible, with no penalty for stopping, starting or varying contributions, or for taking early or late retirement. Over the long term. they should be more profitable. An independent survey shows that contributions of £200 a month over 25 years, assuming 9 per cent annual growth, would yield £191,755 compared with £168,033 from the average charging tradi-

#### tional pension. How does the new scheme from Edin-Fund Managers

You can take a personal pension, or supplement

#### your company pension with additional voluntary contributions

Edinburgh has taken the concept a step further by letting investors choose from outside funds, though you must first make a contribution to its in-house plans. Classic and Selector. Edinburgh has also added term assurance and waiver of premium options.

#### Who else offers them?

A Flemings, Foreign & Colonial and Ivory &

### So are they for

Worth considering if you don't have access to a company pension scheme. However, investment trust pensions are aimed at those who can build up substantial plans. The minimum contributions with Flemings are £1,000 lump sum and £100 monthly and with Edin-E500 and

### So will investment trust pensions supersede the conventional sort?

Doubtful. Even provid-A ers themselves are not talking revolution. Alan Bathgate, product development and sales manager at Edinburgh Fund Managers, says: "We hope to see other investment trust managers coming out with pension products. The more the merrier. But we do see the investment trust pension as an enhancement of the life company products. People

can have both." However, investment trust pensions are becoming more

popular. Mark Bolland, an independent financial adviser, says: They will continue to expand. The performance of traditional pension funds is dire. Compare that with a low-cost fund from an investment trust manager with a good track record and there is every reason to take one out."

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The value of a fund may fall if a move is delayed, Sara McConnell advises

### Time your transfer for the best returns

hanging jobs does not just mean a different journey to work every day. It can also mean making a decision on whether to leave your company pension where it is or to transfer it, either to your new company or to another scheme, a personal pension for example.

If you have worked for your existing firm for less than two years, the decision will be made for you. You will almost certainly not qualify for a transfer but will not be allowed to remain in the scheme either. Your contributions will simply be returned to you. Otherwise you can leave it with your existing until you retire, or transfer it. Your employer will give you a transfer value.

The problem with this value is that it is only guaranteed for a short time as it depends on equity and gilt price movements. Delays in accepting a transfer value can mean sharp falls, as Ian Lees, a Weekend Money reader, found out.

On leaving Scottish Widows after six years' service. 1 decided to transfer my retirement benefits under the Scottish Widows retirement benefit scheme to another provi-I chose Scottish Equitable, which offered a wide range of funds and selected the spread of investment for my pension portfolio. I requested transfer details from Scottish Widows. But when they arrived they did not include the additional voluntary contributions I had made. Scottish Widows sent an amended set of figures, but because there was a delay the transfer value had changed and the value of the fund had fallen by more than £1,000."

Weekend Money replies: The scheme you were in as an employee of Scottish Widows was a scheme whose benefits were based on final salary. To give you a transfer value, Scottish Widows had to work out the value of your benefits and estimate how much it would need to pay out those same benefits when you retire. The key figure in the calculation is the potential rate of investment return. If interest rates and gilt yields rise, as they were doing when you left in June 1994, transfer values



The race is on to get hold of the best transfer



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will fall because they depend on the price of gilts used to ensure that the pension scheme can pay out the benefits it has promised. When gilt yields rise, gilt prices fall. Accordingly, Scottish Wid-

additional voluntary contributions were separate from the calculation of your main pension because their value simows says it only guaranteed your transfer value for six ply depended on the contribuweeks. You queried its failure tions you made and how well to include your additional the contributions were invested in the stock market. They voluntary contributions. It ac-

some responsibility for the delay in calculating your transfer value and paid over an extra sum to Scottish Equitable to put you in the position you would have been in if you had received the original transfer value. Because markets had fallen over the time it took to resolve the problem, Scottish Widows paid over less than half of the £1,000 difference between the two transfer values it quoted you.

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But the delay resulted in

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The problem for anyone taking a transfer value is to know whether they are getting a good deal. Independent financial advisers should use a transfer value analysis system to work out if people are better off taking a transfer. Much depends on the benefits they could expect to get in their existing scheme. Transferring money from a good occupational scheme into a personal pension, for example, would be advisable only if it could produce a good enough rate of return to allow the purchase of similar benefits to those available under the occupational scheme.

There is no need to rush to take a transfer. If you do not like the quotation you are given you can always wait until markets improve. However, Hyman Wolanski, of Wolanski and Co, the consulting actuaries, gives warning that transfer values generally look set to fall from next April. which will see changes to the way transfers are calculated. Getting your transfer offer analysed is not cheap and will probably cost £100 or more because of the complexities involved. But it could prove money well spent.

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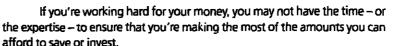
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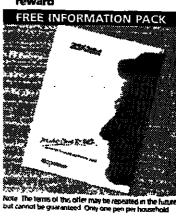


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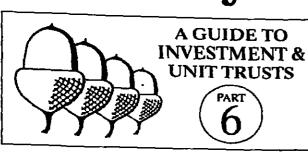
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### Take your pick for value



The choice of trusts appears almost identical but there are vital

differences, says Helen Pridham

nit and investment trusts have much in common. For inves-tors who want a stake in UK or overseas stock markets, they both provide an easy and relatively low-risk investment route. Both offer professionaly managed share portfolios. But there are some significant differences between them. One important distinction for investors to note is the way the two types of trusts are priced.

This difference is not just a technicality. It could affect your decision about which type of trust to buy or sell at any particular time, particularly now that there are several companies offering both a unit and investment trust run by one manager pursuing the same investment policy. It is a factor which can help you to achieve better returns from your investment.

Indeed, current price levels of investment trusts are one of the reasons why investment trust experts such as Peter Walls, of Credit Lyonnais Laing, the stockbroker, believes that they represent particularly "good value" at present.

The basic difference between the two types of trusts is that while unit trust prices are calculated on the basis of the value of the assets in a fund. an investment trust's price is influenced not just by the value of the investments it holds - its net asset value but by the supply and demand for its shares. The two rarely match precisely.

The share price often stands below the net asset value and then the trust is said to be trading at a discount. The average discount on investment trusts at present is currently about 9 per cent, but some are trading at prices as little as 0.5 per cent below asset value, while others have discounts of 25 per cent or more.

Occasionally, when the they will stand at a premium to the value of a trust's assets. Last year, for example, a number of Japanese investment trusts were trading at

Unit trusts are usually seen as more straightforward. However, investors still have to contend with two prices an offer and bid price. The offer price is what you pay on buying the units, the bid price is what you get when you cash two prices varies considerably from 0.5 per cent in the case of

HSBC's Footsie fund, to 8.6 per cent recently on Old Mutual's Thailand fund.

The average "spread" is about 6 per cent. It reflects mainly the fund manager's initial charge. Once this is taken into account, though, investors know that any movements in the price of their units are directly related to the value of the assets held by the trust.

For investment trust holders there are pros and cons in the way their investments are priced. In recent years, many have benefited because not only have their trusts' assets gained in value as markets have risen, but discounts have also narrowed. So the value of their holdings has risen by more than the market. Ten years ago, in the mid-1980s. average discounts were more than 20 per cent. By the middle of last year, they had shrunk to

This is one of the reasons why the general performance of investment trusts measured on the basis of share price movements has been so good in recent years compared with unit trusts.

Over the past year, however. holders of investment trusts have seen something different happening. Though the UK stock market has risen, investment trust discounts have widened from an average of 6 to 9 per cent. Thanks to the performance of their underlying portfolios, however, investors have not lost out. Trust prices on average this year are up 5.2 per cent, compared with 4.5 per cent rise in the FT all-share index.

There appear to be a number of reasons for this trend including the fact that much of the potential demand from private investors has been absorbed this year by several big investment trust launches and extra share issues which between them have raised

more than El billion. At Credit Lyonnais Laing. Mr Walls says: "Rising markets have engendered a discount feel-good factor and investors have been encouraged to follow investment fashions without regard to fundamental ratings. We are worried that some investors are disregarding the dangers of discount downside risk and ignoring the protection offered well-managed long-established trusts.

As Jamie Berry, a financial



Sweet temptations: there are significant reasons for the difference in prices

adviser at Berry Asset Management, explains, the danger of discount volatility is greatest when specialist trusts are bought at a premium or close to asset value. He says: "If a trust is at a premium and the market falls, the chances are that the trust will not only drop in line with the market. but will lose its premium and more, so your investment will fall further than the market. A wide discount, on the other hand, can act as a cushion. The price will often go down by less. When there is a recovery it can rise faster as

demand increases and the

discount closes." The discounts that have developed recently on some trusts are regarded by many professionals as buying opportunities. Nigel Sidebottom, of Gerrard Vivian Gray, says: There is fantastic value at the moment among the flagship trusts in the sector. Foreign & Colonial, for example, is on a 9 per cent discount; TR City of London is on 8 per cent. It is years since they have been on these discounts. Both have tremendous long-term records." Long-term investors in such trusts should sit tight, he mistakes made by investors is life. However, there may be to start selling when they should be buying," he points

extra risks. Capital shares of

split capital trusts, for exam-

ple, are currently standing on

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will get their money back.

Where a manager offers both a unit and investment trust with the same investment objective, investors should compare prices. "If the investment trust is on a premium, it is better to go for the unit trust, but at present the reverse may apply. Take the M&G Recovery unit and investment trusts. Investors should be seriously considering the investment trust which is currently on an II per cent discount,"

arge discounts do not always narrow, thoug ▲ In the venture capital sector, for example, trusts such as Electra and Pantheon tend to remain permanently on discounts of more than 20 per cent because of the illiquidity of the unquoted securities they hold and the uncertainty of the valuations. In spite of this, investors can still enjoy

good long-term gains.

An increasing number of investment trusts have limited lives of, say, ten years and so premiums and discounts on their shares tend to disappear as they reach the end of their urges. "One of the common

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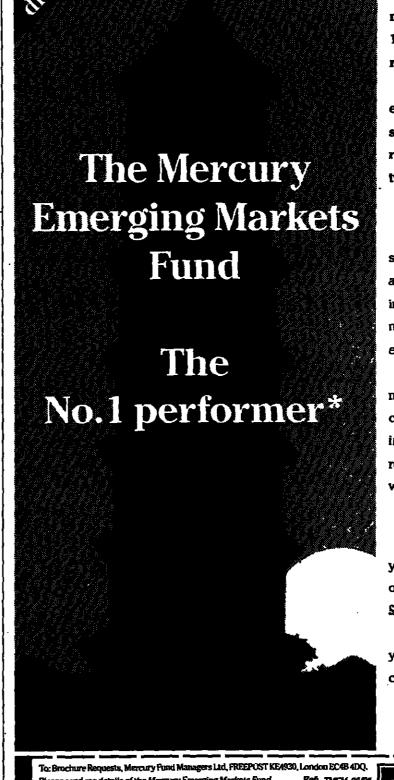
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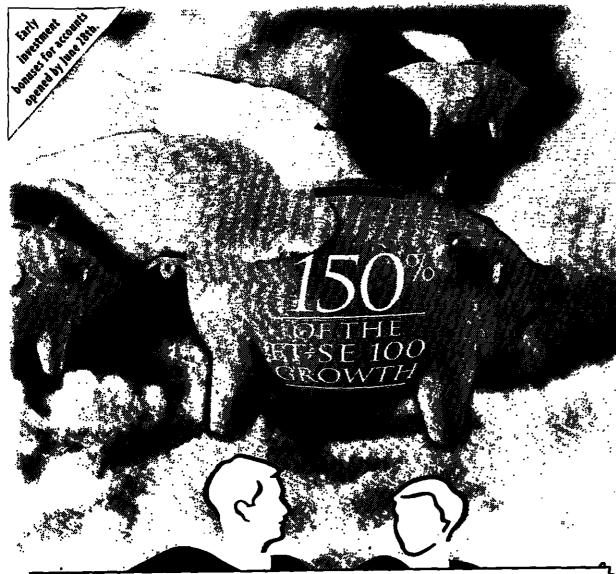
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### Demand for credit cards keeps growing

Flexible friends are being snapped up

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hit the market, says Sarah Jones

Wales and Hello! magazine are **L**joining the bandwagon and launching credit cards, jam-jarring is

rising among users. Just as father used to divide his pay packet among jam jars, so many of us now have more than one credit card and use them to divide our spending between. say, business and leisure or necessities and luxuries.

That's fine with the issuers because, no matter how many new credit cards they come up with each month, there are customers willing to apply for them.

"When annual fees were introduced in the early 1990s many holders got rid of their extra cards. But the number of credit cards issued — 30 million — has climbed back to 1980s levels," says Liz Phillips, director of the Credit Card Research

"One wonders when the saturation point will be reached. Rather than more people taking out a card, it should be a case of existing cardholders taking out more cards. Card issuers would worry if people went around with four cards in their pocket and never used them, but the important point is that spending on credit cards is increasing at a steady

The Prince of Wales is the latest to enter the market. This week the Prince's Trust, the Prince's charity that helps young people to start up in business. launched a credit card through MBNA. There is no annual fee and the interest rate of 18.9 per cent (13.9 per cent for the first six months on any amount trans-ferred from another credit card) compares well with the likes of Barclaycard which charges a rate of 22.3 per cent.



Hello! magazine, often graced by royalty, has launched a new Visa card

including the EIO annual fee. It does not compete with 14.4 per cent from the People's Bank, a US company. But holders may be happy that each new card should generate £20 a year for the charity. Hello! magazine is also to launch its

own Visa card through NWS, a subsidary of the Bank of Scotland group. The Hello! Visa card will have an APR of 18.9 per cent (equivalent to that of The Sunday Times card) no annual fee and a number of

THIS week both Tesco and Sainsbury's launched new supermarket loyalty cards. Tesco's Clubcard Plus is offering 5 per cent interest on deposits fixed until the end of the year. Sainsbury's Reward Card is offering Air Miles.

In less than a week more than two million customers have registered for the Reward Card. Sainsbury's estimates that seven million will eventually be using one. Tesco already has 6.5 million regular Clubcard users. No figures are yet available on the take-up of Clubcard Plus. "Sainsbury's use of Air Miles is an attractive addition, but it's the move by

#### STORE WARS

Tesco into banking that is interesting." Liz Mandeville of RMDP, the firm of research consultants, says, "We have to wait to find if customers take it up or if it fizzles away. If it works, we will see a significant change in how these cards work. But customers are a fickle lot."

The actual money-back rewards are the same - with both cards you need to spend £500 to get £5 back. The Reward Card gives one point for every £1 spent (after £5). Build up 250 points and you

get a £2.50 voucher to use in Sainsbury's, Homebase. Texas or Savacentre or 40 Air Miles.

Previously you had to spend £10 at Tesco before you got points. Now it is £5. With the Clubcard Plus you get one point for every E5 spent and once you have 25 points you get a £1.25 shopping voucher. Customers will have to set up a monthly direct debit, from which they are expected to pay for their shopping. but will get 5 per cent interest gross on deposits. They can also apply for a modest overdraft and be charged 9 per cent

### **Customer rights**

is no longer trading. It says

that only in 5 per cent of cases where the retailer is still trad-

ing do card issuers ask the

customer to contact the re-

tailer "so that the full facts of

the case can be established".

However, the NCC points

out that even if it is only 5 per

cent of cases, those issuers are

still going against the law

since it is up to the credit card

company, not the customer, to

establish the case.

CUSTOMERS are being fobbed off by credit card companies that fail to disclose consumer rights to compensation, the National Consumer Council claims. By telling customers who receive faulty goods or substandard service to complain to the retailers. credit card companies can avoid paying compensation and are breaking the law. Under the Consumer Credit Act, shoppers can claim losses back from the retailer or the

credit card issuer. David Hatch, NCC chairman, said: "We have found that consumers are routinely told to go to the other side first, and even take the retailer to court, before the card issuer will pay out. Issuers should only let their cards be accepted by reputable retailers, and accountable for any

"If a customer has lost out because their credit card was accepted by a holiday company about to go bust, or a shop selling faulty freezers, the card issuer is as much to blame as the retailer."

The NCC is calling for beefed-up codes of practice and stronger powers for the Office of Fair Trading to make credit card companies admit liability. It also believes that the lower limit on claims should be abolished. Currently, consumers have no rights at all against the credit card company if the purchase costs less than £100. But many of the most dangerous goods, like kettles and irons, are also the cheapest.

The industry rejects the accusations. The Credit Card Research Group estimates that in 95 per cent of cases cardholders claim directly from the issuer as the retailer

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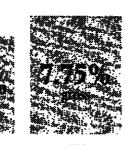
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The past gives clues to where shares are heading, David Schwartz finds



A jubilant Edward Heath after becoming Prime Minister in 1970, an indicator year for David Schwartz's analysis

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The dividend-yield ratio (DYR), the relationship between dividends and share price, provides one worrying clue. To compute the ratio, divide the annual dividend by current share price. If a share sells at £100 and pays a dividend of £3.90, the DYR is 3.9 per cent.

During the past half-century, the DYR began a year below 4 per cent on seven occasions. The stock market reached its high for the year, or got close to it, near the end of January in most of those years. For example, 1994 began with the DYR below 4 per cent. Prices rose until February, when the Federal Reserve began to raise interest

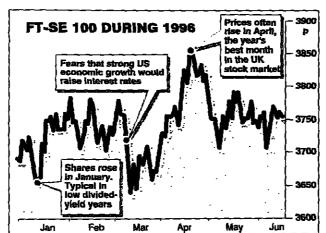
rates, Predictably, prices fell. So far, 1996 follows the norm. The DYR started the year under 4 per cent, the eighth time in this half of the century. Shares rose 1.9 per cent in January. They current-January level. History seems to be signalling "here we go

Another red flag is hidden in the cyclicals, a monthly group of indices prepared by the Office for National Statistics to monitor the UK economy. Two indices that do a good job of spotting stock market peaks are the shorter leading index. which flags turning points in the economy six months in advance, and the coincident index, designed to rise and fall in lock step with actual economic growth.

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### High odds of a fall in the market



always occurred within 14 months of a rise on the shorter leading index above the preceding month's score, and a reading of 101,4 or higher on the coincident index. A warning flashed in February 1995. Prices have been sluggish in recent weeks. While the current weak stretch may turn out to be temporary, the message of the past is that further falls History also shows that the

percentage of shares that rise on any single day fluctuates widely. But over a 50-day per-tury, long-term up-moves typi-Bull market peaks have iod, that percentage usually cally ran 72 months before fac-

rests within a range of 11 to 20 per cent. Since 1970, there have been 11 occasions when the 50day average rose above 21 per cent during a bull market that had run for at least one year. Ten signals flashed close to a multi-month decline or plateau. Clearly, profit odds are low after a red flag on this indicator. The 50-day average recently rose above 21 per cent for the first time in this bull market, another sign of low profit odds ahead.

In the first half of this cen-

ing a major correction. From 1950-75, the average upturn ended after just 24 months, one third of the prewar length.

In the final quarter of this century, the shortening process accelerated. Some commentators describe this period as a single multidecade up-move. In fact, since 1975, we have seen eight rallies, each separated by a decline of at least 15 per cent. The longest, an atypical 70month up-turn, ended spectac-ularly in 1987. The remaining seven ran just 16 months on average, with the longest running 21 months.

A new bull market began in June 1994, 24 months ago, number nine in the century's final quarter. Prices have changed little in the past few months. Is it possible that this drift is temporary and the rally will soon resume? Yes, it is possible. However, the historical record suggests this bull market is quite mature and the next downturn is overdue.

The UK stock market rose every quarter since June 1994. seven in a row. If the FTSE 100 closes above 3,700 on June 28, it will be eight ups in a row. Non-stop rallies like this are rare. There have been just 12 this century that ran five or more consecutive quarters. Since the Second World War, none ran longer than seven in a row. There is no guarantee that the current rally will end just because it has done so in the past. Still, as far as this indicator goes, history signals low-profit odds in the near

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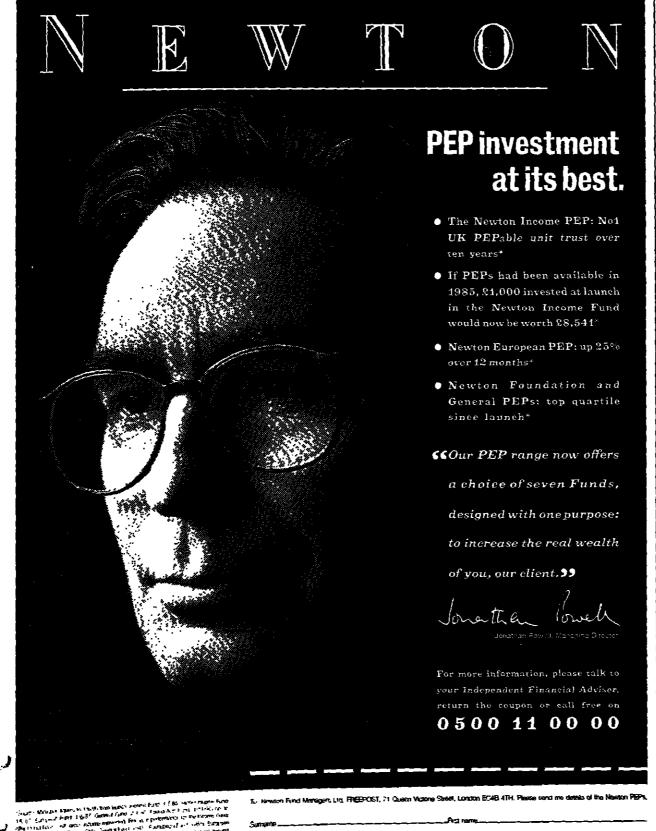
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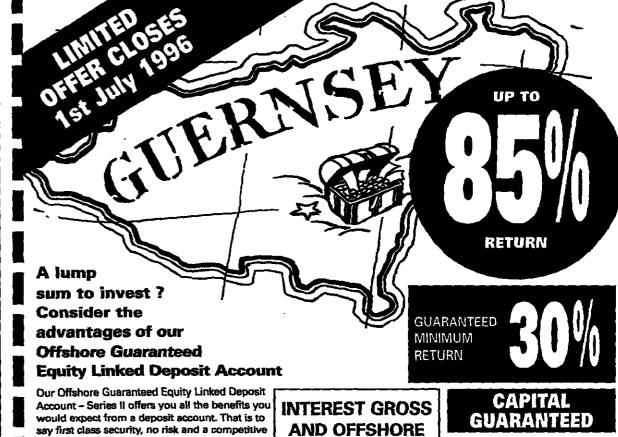
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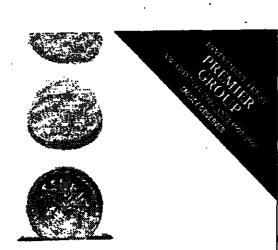
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### Alliance savers hit as top rates are bonus-free

The Alliance & Leicester Building Society doubtless hoped to score a couple of Brownie points with its members when it announced plans to convert itself to a bank at the beginning of the year. It promised savers that they would not lose their right to a bonus if they wanted to move their money from one share account to another, between announcement and

What it did not say so clearly was that it had restructured its savings accounts so that the best rates were paid on new deposit accounts set up just before the announcement. Surprise, surprise, holders of deposit accounts are not members and do not qualify

for bonus payments. Brian Gray, a Weekend Money reader, invested in Alliance & Leicester's Bonus 90 share account early in 1995. Now this has been converted from a 90-day notice to a 30-day notice account, paying just 3.75 per cent gross on balances of between £10,000 and £24,999. This includes an annual bonus of 0.5 per cent.

By contrast, the new Prime 90 deposit account pays 5.2 per cent gross. If the society's conversion goes ahead (which depends on the members). savers trying to get a better rate on their investment by moving to Prime 90 would not qualify for a bonus payout. One possibility for existing savers in Mr Gray's position, as he points out, is to move from the Bonus 90 account to Bonus 180, also a share ac-

day notice account. But it still pays slightly less (5.15 per cent) on £15,000 than Prime 90. This week Alliance & Leicester repeated its pledge that savers would not be penalised by moving from one share account to another. It al-

so confirmed that deposit ac-

count. Bonus 180 is now a 60-

members. These are valuable clues to members who are still being kept in the dark about the likely amount of payouts or how the share out will be structured on conversion.

Alliance & Leicester is among a number of building societies that have made strenuous efforts to keep out "speculators" by restructuring their accounts and, incidentally, preserving the margin be-tween what they pay to savers and what they receive from But its manipulation of

interest rates has not en-deared itself to customers like Mr Gray, who says: "I accept that business is business and hopefully I will benefit significantly from any ultimate share distribution by the Alliance & Leicester. However ... I also feel that existing mutual societies should be able to offer a better deal for many customers/members if there was any effective way that members could influence management and control the target level for acquisition of profits and any distribution of pre-existing reserves."

Last week, the Northern Rock, which also plans to convert, was forced to announce that it would be opening a share version of its competitive Great North postal account after protests that the deposit version did not qualify holders for membership. The pressure is on.

SARA MCCONNELL



### Official Receiver given the birds

omewhere between here and Belgium around 3,600 ostriches acquired a new owner this week. Michael Pugh, the Official Receiver, will now work on assuring the long-term future of his new charges and, where possible, reunite them with their owners, some of whom have paid up to £14,500 for a mature

Officially, Mr Pugh has been the shepherd to about 3,000 of the birds since he applied to the courts at Easter for the Ostrich Farming Corporation (OFC), the firm that sold the ostriches to UK investors, to be wound up.

On Tuesday this week in the High Court, Mr Justice Lightman formally wound up OFC, giving the green light to the Official Receiver to continue his efforts in trying to untangle what is an exceedingly complex web. In that web are thousands of anxious birdowners, a number of whom previously relied on an "in-come" from the ostriches to earn a living.

In a separate move this week, but one that signals the Department of Trade and Industry's general concern about certain ostrich ventures, Mr Pugh was appointed the provisional liquidator to another firm, Pinstripe Farming Corporation. This combirds in the UK. The advice is that Pinstripe owners should write to Mr Pugh with details and documentation of their ownership.

The case of OFC, which is under formal investigation by the Serious Fraud Office, attracted strong criticism about Robert Miller

on the latest developments

for ostrich

investors

ostrich farming in general and the company in particular. Mr Justice Lightman said ostrich farming was used as a "fashionable device for the fleecing of investors". He also called for an an

investigation into the "shadowy and dubious individuals" involved in OFC, which, he added, was "used as a milch cow by people up to no good". In the first year, the company took in £2.85 million from investors, rising to £4.3 million a month earlier this year.

The ownership of the OFC birds, which are under the care of Eddy Nachtergaele, a Belgian ostrich farmer, is unclear. Initially, it was believed that each bird had an electronic tag with a unique number for every individual owner.

However, Mr Pugh has not been able to verify the ownership question beyond all doubt. It appears that Mr Nachtergaele, who is said to be paying for the upkeep of the - although Mr Pugh could dip into OFC funds recovered so far — is not cooperating with the receiver's office. Under law, Mr Pugh will have to decide whether to call a meeting of OFC creditors within 12 weeks, although his office said yesterday that

much sooner. The judge also acknowledged the existence of the 1,600-strong Ostrich Owners Protection Group (OOPG).

Derek Bradley, a founder member of the group, said: We are not taking sides with the OFC or the DTI. We want to look at what happens now and how we can protect our birds. We believe that there is a commercial future for ostrich farming, but whatever we decide, and we are looking at a number of options such as an owners' group company, it will comply with the law. We are in touch with Eddy Nachtergaele's representative in London."

One problem about a potential rescue company is that it could fall foul of the Financial Services Act (FSA).

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Pamela Marshall of the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, says: "Past experience hasshown that schemes of this type have given rise to difficulties because some of them have breached the FSA as unauthorised collective investment schemes. Any such schemes have to be looked at on their own merits to see whether or not they need au-

thorisation or break the law." A solution to the Pinstripe and OFC problem is likely to be a tortuous one. But to those contemplating such an invest ment the attention of, at different times the SFO, the SIB and the DTI should be enough to sound a note of caution. Ostrich Owners Protection

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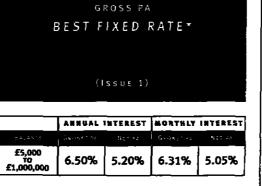
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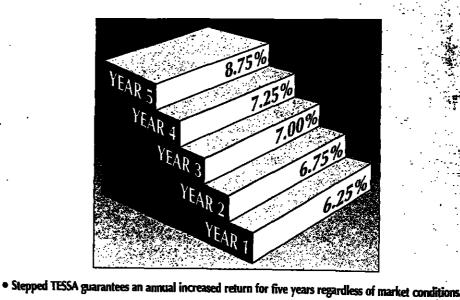
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Jody Brettkelly on a tax anomaly that can upset the best-laid building plans



Robert Sandall, right, holding a consultation with Chris Ellard, his accountant, in the refurbished £14,000 attic

elf-employed who want to offset taxes against money spent on converting their lofts or barns into offices or workshops may find themselves caught up in a tax anomaly.

Customs and Excise will normally allow VAT-registered traders to reclaim all the VAT spent on the conversion. because it views it as a business expense. However, the inland Revenue will not permit you to claim the expense against tax unless you can prove that the money was spent on repairs to an existing office and not on

Robert Sandall, a music critic working for Virgin Records and presenter of Radio 3's Mixing It, spent £14.000 refurbishing an attic space at his home in Hammersmith, west London, to enable him to work there. He also intended to use it as a place to store and listen to his extensive collection of tapes and records. The work included installing stairs, windows and washing facilities.

Mr Sandall, 44, considered this to be a legitimate business expense but tax law contains an anomaly which rules that only repair work "occasioned by normal wear and tear" is

### Hidden trap in an attic conversion

ments and reconstruction to premises are considered to be of a capital nature and there-

fore not allowed. The Inland Revenue disputed the entire claim on these

gesting that as no office existed before, he was in fact enhancing the property rather than repairing an existing office. VAT criteria

and after a Cuscise officer inspected the premises he was able to reclaim the full amount of VAT

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Surrey-based accountant who specialises in tax claims by actors and peforming artists. After meeting the tax inspector they were able to demonstrate that the attic had been used to

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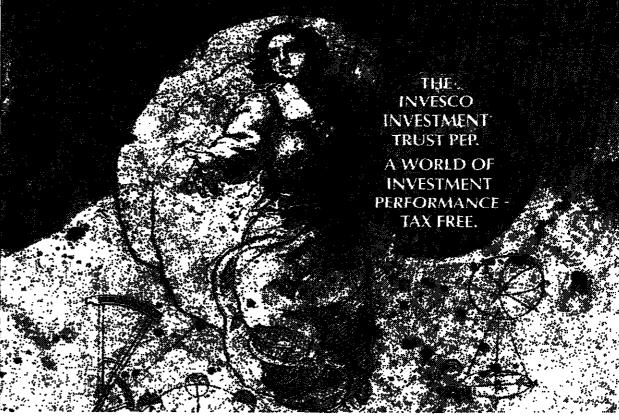
Eventually. the Inland Revenue allowed Mr Sandall to claim around 30 per cent of the expenditure against his taxes. Being a Mr Sandall consulted Chris higher-rate taxpayer, this rep-

Mr Sandall says: "It was still very disappointing that I couldn't claim the whole lot. I set out thinking all that money I spent would be tax deductible. In my case, it wasn't ruinous but for some people it

may be."
Mr Ellard says that it is important to consider the previous use of the space you are considering converting, and to underline the fact that it was used as an office or storage space previously. If you are restructuring the space into something totally different for example soundproofing a garage - you could run into

It helps, too, to photograph the room before and after, to show exactly what has been done to it. It is also helpful to have different companies specifying the work they have undertaken, or if you are using a loft conversion company to get it to provide a full breakdown of the precise repair and

Mr Ellard says: "Repair work is not specifically defined, which means it is open different interpretations. The inspector has no idea exactly what has been undertaken so you have to demonstrate exactly what you've spent your money on



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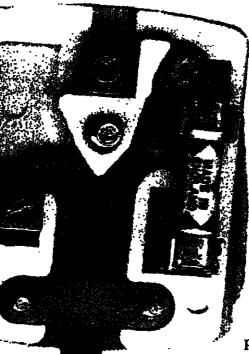
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### THE TIMES MONEY INFORMATION SERVICE

### Postal accounts beat the strike

second 24-hour nat-ional strike has been announced from noon on Thursday June 27 to noon on Friday June 28 by Royal Mail workers. The first strike was yesterday. In view of the likely disruption to the postal service, the following arrangements will apply for postal account customers.

Nationwide Invest Direct Postal Account holders can make emergency cheque withdrawals at any branch between Thursday and Tuesday. Cash withdrawals can be made as usual from cash machines. Any cheques received at Invest Direct on Monday will be backdated to Friday so that customers suffer no loss of interest.

Bristol and West Direct Savings (postal and telephone) Account holders can use the telephone option to access up to £25,000. Cheques will still be sent out by post. Postal Deposit Account customers will be able to make transactions only by post.

Birmingham Midshires will collect all post that has been sorted by midnight on Thursday direct from the local sorting office the next morning. Staff levels will also be increased for Saturday and Monday to cover the anticipat-

ed higher volumes and a helpline has been set up to deal with any queries on 01902 302883. Customers will also be able to use any of the 114 branches on Thursday, Friday or Saturday to pay in or withdraw cheques on produc-tion of a First Class passbook plus another form of identifi-

Alliance & Leicester postal account holders can arrange by phone to collect cheque withdrawals at local branches. Branches can also be used as post-boxes to deposit cheques. To arrange transactions by telephone call 0645 645660.

Cheltenham & Gloucester customers can open or add to an account at any C&G branch as normal. Withdrawals can be made at a local branch on Friday and Saturday.

Leeds & Holbeck has made no special provisions to cover the strike. If customers need to make an urgent transaction, the usual arrangements apply at a cost of £30. Call 0113 225

Northern Rock suggests that customers adjust transaction times to avoid strike days. Call 0191 2794405 (postal investment inquiries only).

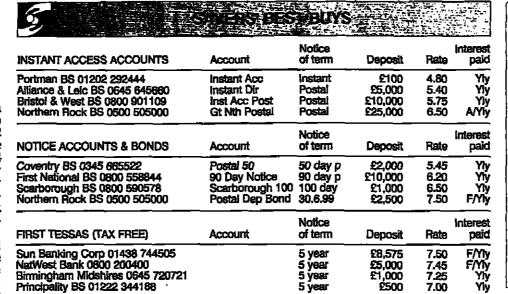
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Direct Line 0141 2489966	13.90%E	£112.86	£101.33
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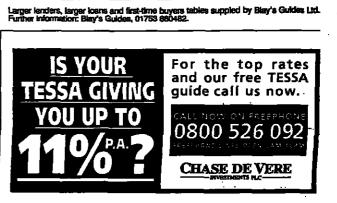
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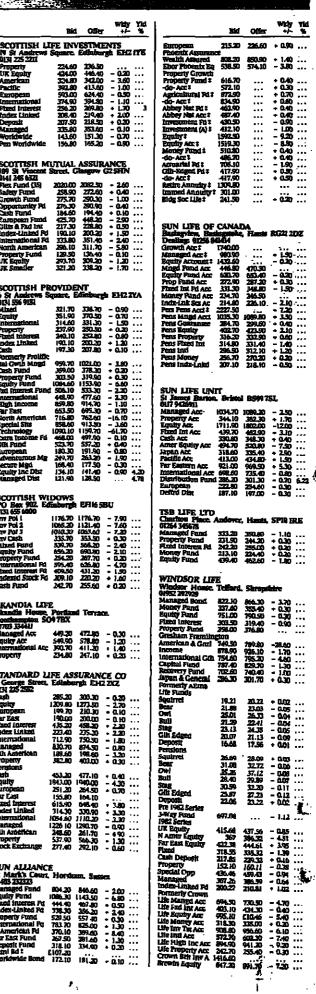
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#### THE TIMES WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

### Injustices of the state pension system

From Mr R. Rench Sir. In Anne Ashworth's Pen-sions Postbag (June 8), two state pensioners complain that since their wives have qualified for pensions on their own insurance, they should be able to receive them in addition to those based on their husbands' insurance. Instead, the women receive just the higher

of the two entitlements. But, if that is to be regarded as an inequitable situation. then so it is with every bachelor pensioner. Assuming the same level of earnings throughout their identical qualifying periods, the hachelor will have contributed precisely the same amount of National Insurance contributions as his married counterpart, yet in return receive E36.60 a week less.

Certainly, spinster state pensioners cannot complain about their treatment. In addition to paying lower rates of contributions than men during the earlier years of the National insurance scheme, gender has made no difference to the level of entitlement and, although generally longer-living, they have been able to claim their pensions five years earlier.

Since state pensions are not funded entirely through an actuarially based scheme, arguments about returns for contributions paid are really only of academic interest. It would be more truthful if such payments were regarded as just another form of taxation. Yours sincerely. ROLAND RENCH.

8 Minshull Place, Park Road, Beckenham, Kent.

From Mr J. M. Agar

Sir, I note from Weekend Money (June 15) that for £95 the Royal Bank of Scotland

will prepare for its customers

a "complete and accurate tax

return in a form acceptable to

the Inland Revenue. The re-

From Mrs J. Harding Sir. I was very interested in your article with regard to married women and the state pension. I am in this category and find that, as I am two years younger than my husband. I receive a pension in my own right for only three years. If I was two years older. I would receive it for seven years, for

the same contributions. It is very unnoying to have paid full NI contibutions to obtain a very small measure of independence to be no better off once my husband is 65 than I would be if I had never worked and contributed to both income tax and NI. Yours sincerely, JILL HARDING, 7 Arthur Road. Wokingham, Berkshire.



### Sterling service

From Ms R. Hill Sir, I was interested to read Caroline Merrell's article (June 15) on comparative costs traveller's cheques. It would, however, be interesting to know what each company's policy is in relation to lost

or stolen traveller's cheques.
I had E450 of them stolen recently in Madrid. Thomas Cook, from whom I purchased them, replaced them promptly with the minimum of fuss. Would the other 13 organisations all do the same, or was the 2 per cent commission charge justified for this service? Obviously, I much appreciated Thomas Cook's action. Yours faithfully, ROSEMARY HILL

### lvy House, 78 High Street, Hampton-upon-Thames.

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#### Traditional friendly societies maintain strong returns and bonus rates to beat life companies

From Mr C. Bennie Sir. Your editorial relating to friendly society performance (June 15) has ignored the very strong returns from tradition-

al friendly societies offering with-profits (as opposed to unit-linked) plans. Friendly societies such as Scottish Friendly and Tunbridge Wells, established more than 100 years ago, have

produced consistent top ten with-profits performance for ten-year plans, as measured by Money Management magazine, placing us ahead of life companies like Standard Life. Norwich Union and Scottish Amicable. Based on a £25 per month investment over ten years to June 1, 1996, for a

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tape, why cannot the Revenue achieve this simplicity, free?

allowances are claimed". With the present Government committed to cutting red

Yours faithfully.

J. M. AGAR,

male aged 30 at outset. Scot- of members through the provitish Friendly's return was a healthy 10.6 per cent per annum. I am delighted to report that, in a year when many other life offices have been reducing their with-profits bonus rates, Scottish Friendly has maintained 1996 bonus

rates at last year's levels. As well as failing to consider with-profits friendly society performance, your editorial section last Saturday made some unfair comments on the ability of friendly societies to cater for the long-term needs

sion of pensions and other benefits. Traditional friendly societies, such as Scottish Friendly and Tunbridge Wells, which enjoy strong with-profits performance, making our tax-exempt plans so popular with the general public, were originally established to help lower income families to provide for their future at a

did not exist. We continue to provide, through our home-service operation, a valuable financial

time when the welfare state

planning service to this section of the community, who may otherwise not be able to make adequate financial provision for their future.

Given the outlook for state provision of welfare benefits. this role, as envisaged by the Association of Friendly Societies, will continue to be an important one. Yours sincerely, CALUM BENNIE. Scottish Friendly Assurance, Scottish Friendly House,

16 Blythswood Square,

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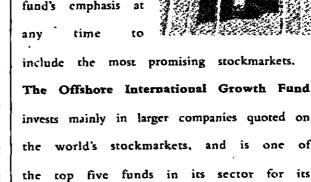
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**TENNIS** 

### Seles eases injury concerns with success at double

SHE could not go to practise at the All England Club last weekend in preparation for Wimbledon, but Monica Seles certainly got the workout that she wanted at Eastbourne yesterday. Over 2hr 11min. and two matches, she made her way to the final of the Direct Line Insurance championships beating Ines Gorrochategui 6-3, 6-1 in the quarter-finals and Nathalie Fauziat 6-4, 6-4 in the semi-

Last Saturday Seles had been in London for a booksigning and had pondered the chance to go to get the feel of Wimbledon after her fouryear absence. Rules, though, are rules and, even if you are the world joint No I, the All England Club is a membersonly type of place. "I think you have to be a member to play there and you have to win Wimbledon to get to be a member," she said. That is one thing that Seles has, as yet,

failed to do. On her showing yesterday, her chances of doing well are looking better, but winning is another matter. Tauziat may be an experienced grass-court player - she won the Eastbourne title last year - but she is not exactly a favourite to break into the cosy cartel of players vying for a place come

women's final day in SW 19. Gorrochategui had warmed up Seles nicely in the morning.

The two baseliners sparred from the back court in what looked like an extended practice session. Gorrochategui, 23, from Argentina, is good. but not that good. Ranked No 83 in the world, she does not have the wherewithal to beat Seles at her own game. The only question mark was whether Seles's ailing shoulder could withstand the

#### Siemerink ends **British hopes**

Great Britain's last hope of victory in the Nottingham Open ended yesterday when Greg Rusedski lost his semifinal. Rusedski, the British No 2, went out 7-6, 6-3 to Jan Siemerink, the No 5 seed, from Holland, who benefited from backhand errors.

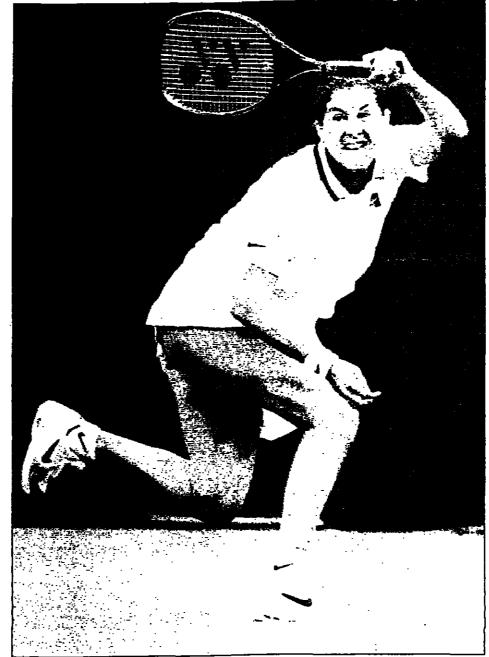
The pile-up of matches was caused after play was washed out by constant rain on Thursday, and having to face two very different opponents, played back-to-back with a 212-hour break in between. proved a stiff test for the Seles shoulder. "It was good to have that with not too long of a rest in between," she said. "I just stretched out after the first match and I think I'll do that tonight as well. I felt the

shoulder once or twice in each game, but that's pretty normal, I just have to think positive and block it out." Certainly it did not seem to

impede her serving power. Tauziat could engineer only two break points throughout the match and converted only one of those, in the second set. She knew what she had to do to beat Seles, it was just that she could not do it often enough. If she stayed back. she was overpowered; if she came in, she had to be at her sharpest to avoid being

Seles, on the other hand, was stuck to the baseline like glue. Coming forward looked to be a life-threatening operation. She claims to be happy to volley in practice, and was happy with the number of times she tried the manoeuvre against Gorrochategui, even if half a dozen trips to the net over two sets does not a serve and volleyer make. With Tauziat, though, the fear-factor crept in once again.

"It is all confidence," she said. "Whenever I have come in, I've been pretty successful. It's just feeling comfortable and being able to read the player. I knew Nathalie was a good player and we always have one close set in every match we play. I knew one or two points could decide it and I didn't feel happy to come in." As a tactic, it may work in



Seles whips a forehand return down the line against Gorrochategui at Eastbourne

Eastbourne, but, taken a stage further, to Wimbledon, and Tauziat believes that Seles will be in trouble. "I am frustrated that I had many chances, but I didn't take them." Tauziat said. "I think I lost the match.

she didn't win it." That was Conchita Martinez's problem. She failed to get beyond her quarter-final against Mary Joe Fernandez. Martinez appeared to be cruising, winning the first set 6-2, but was then

thrown by a line call and proceded to fall apart. She lost the next five games. Before long, the match was gone, too, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

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### SPORTANTIA France international signs for Harlequins

LAURENT BÉNÉZECH, the France rugby union prop forward, has signed for Harlequins as cover for Jason Leonard, their club captain. Benezech, 29, plays on the loosehead side of the scrum, Leonard's position, and will deputise when England's most-capped prop needs a rest or when he switches to the other side of the scrum.

Dick Best, the Harlequins director of rugby, said: "There are a lot of games next season, possibly up to 40, and we need the cover. There is a specially demanding period in the autumn when we have tough European matches in between league commitments. We recognise the importance of strenghening the squad so we can be fully competitive in every fixture. Benezech is a formidable player."

### England make progress

BOWLS: England began their defence of the Eve Trophy with a hard-carned win, 118-111, over Wales in the women's home international series at Learnington Spa yesterday. On one of the greens where the women's world championships will be played, England won four rinks but Mavis Steele. who has not missed a series since 1959, lost to Judith Wason.

### Olympic snub for Syed

TABLE TENNIS: Matthew Syed, the England No I, has failed to win a wild card for the Olympic Games in Atlanta next month. He has been passed over for the European ticket by Kilinakos Kreanga, of Greece. Syed, 24. is first reserve for Europe, though, and there are doubts surrounding the fitness of Chen Xinhua, England's World Cup winner.

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### Claymores at home

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: A crowd of more than 30,000 is expected at Murrayfield tomorrow when Scottish Claymores play Frankfurt Galaxy, the defending champions of the Claymore Spiritual Clay World League, for the World Bowl. The Claymores finished with the best overall record in the league, seven wins against

### Boardman's ill-fortune

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, who starts his final week's preparation for the Tour de France by riding in the 138-mile British road race championships tomorrow, began a six-day course of antibiotics yesterday to help to clear a chest infection in time for the Tour's prologue time-trial in Holland next Saturday.

3.30 DERBY BUILDING SERVICES NOVICES

#### YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

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4.55 KING EDWARD VII STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O coits and galdings: £70,204: 1m 4f) AMFORTAS bic Caerleon - High Spirited (B Voak) 8-8 B Doyle (66-1) 1. Desert Boy br c Green Desert - City Fortress (Lord Weinstock/Exors of late S Weinstock/ 8-8 J Read (13-2) 2. Strentou b c Alleged · Sheime (Sheikh Mohammed) 8-8 M J Kinane (9-4 ¢-lev) 3. ALSO RAN: 9-4 ji-tay Pitze 6 kingt (Shi), 7-2 Don Vito (Shi), 11 Legal Right, 16 Germano (4th), 7 ran: 91, nk, 71, 191, 31, C Britlan at Newmarks, Tote £50 00: 59,50, 52,80. DF £144,60. CSF: £377,45.

5.30 QUEEN ALEXANDRA STAKES Conditions race, £19,338, 2m 6l 34vd) ADMIRAL'S WELL b in Sadier's Wells -Evolic Brate (A Spence) 8-9-3 T Ourna (100-30 fav)

Speed To Lead b / Darshaan - Instant Desire (Buckram Oak Holdings) 4-8-7 Pat Eddery (7-2) Old Rouvel V b h Rivermen - Mane de Russy (Mrs R Covell) 5-9-3 M J Rinene (4-1) 3. ALSO RAN: 6 Juyush, 12 Behamian Sunshme (4th), Nor's Hutter (6th), 16 Degraen, 20 Dence of Ore (5th), Dials, 25 Jurds, 10 ran, 25th, hd, hd, St, 21, R Alestanst at Epsom, Tote: £4.40, £1.70, £1.30, £1.70. DF £6.70, Trio: £5.60, CSF- £14.34. Jackpot \$212.292.60 (0.10 winning tickets; pool of £269,103.52 carried forward

Placapot: £477.10. Quadpot: £94.50.

Going: firm, good to firm in places 2.25 (1m 2) 1, North Arder (S Copp. 4-6 law); 2, Mehraic (12-1); 3, Why Star (25-1); 12 ran. 141, 44 Mrs M Paveley Toter £1 80; C1-20, 52-40, 55-60. DF; £13.30. Tho. £159 50 CSF; £11.43 2.55 (6) 1, For The Present (A Cultisms, 9-1), 2, Green Barnes (9-4 fev), 3, Benzoe (5-1), 8 ran %1, 1%1 T Barnon Tote \$13.50, \$2.80, \$1.40, \$1.90, DF; \$19.50, CSF\$231.65, Tricast, \$111.53 4.05 (7) 1. Mybolye (Dale Gibson, 11-8 favi 2. Oriel Lad (18-1), 3. Shontame (10-1) 9 ram Hd. 2t. G. Oldroyd. Tote: £2:20, £1.10, £5:20, £3:30 DF. £28; 90. Tho: £101.70, CSF £24.11, Tincast £168.26. 4.40 (1m 61 19yd) 1. Nuzu (D Holland, 6-4 fav). 2. Mental Pressure (7-2); 3. Secret Gift (8-1), 6 can NR Supermode! Sh hd, 4, 8 Hds Tote £1.90 £1.10, CSF; £7.91 After a

acmerus unqury, resur \$1000 5.15 (1m 3f) 1, Desert Frolic (T Williams, 7-2) 2, Ragsak Jameel (10-1); 3, Rossel (10-1) Safty Gri 7-4 lay 7 ran. 1½, 11 M Johnston, Tote (55-20, 53.10, 53.60, DF: 227-30, CSF, £35.13. Placepot: £48.60. Quadpot: £22.70.

Going: good to firm 2.15 (5f) 1, Bold Brief (L. Chernock, 2-1); 2, Nifty Norman (8-13 (av), 3, Chanson d'Amour (33-1), 4 ran, 1 % L, 41 Denys Smith, Tote, £3.50 DF, £2.00 CSF; £3.61, 2.45 (51) 1. Garnock Velley (G Carter, 7-1); 2. Leading Princess (4-1 p-lav); 3, Rich Gow (6-1), Able Shertif 4-1 p-lav, 8 nan. 19, 1-14) J Berry, Tota: £7 30; £2.20, £2.10, £1.70, DF £14 60, CSF: £32.45, Tricast £162.36.

\$162.36.
3.20 (Im 5f 13yd) 1, Monaco Gold (L. Charnock, 14-1), 2, State Approval (8-1), 3, Charming Admirel (8-4 lav), 11 ran, 3.4, 3. Mrs. M Reveley Tote 123.60, 55.30, 53.00, 52.40 DF 087.20 Tror £101.50, CSF 593.35, Tncast, £244.51 3.55 (1m) 1. Sir Arthur Hobbs (R Lappin, 5-2 lav), 2, Parkament Piece (11-2); 3, Open Affair (25-1), 7 ran. Nk, 2l J Eyre, Tote: \$2.90, \$1.20, \$65.10. OF: \$23.20. CSF

14:30 (7f) 1, Impetuous Air (O Urbina, 2-1 fav); 2, Select Star (25-1); 3, Ben's Padge (9-4), 10 nan, 244, nk, E Weymas, Torict 22:30; 21:40, 64:70, £1:10. DF £33:90 Trio £17:30. CSF: £42:22, Alter a stewards' singury, result stood. inqury, result stood.

5.05 (1m) 1. Napoleon's Return (Jenny Benson, 12-1), 2, Sing And Dance (5-1), 3, Lucky Bea (5-2 fav), 8 ran, 31, hd. A Herrison Tote 129.80, 125.00, 16.0, 15.10. DF: £112.40. CSF: £59.40 Tricast £142.78 Placapot: £165.60. Quadoot: £11.10.

#### Thursday's late details

Soing: good to firm, firm in places 7.00 (1m) 1, Return To Brighton (A Eddery, 5-1 law); 2, Bedeszde (20-1), 3, Flyaway Slues (16-1); 4, Miss Zenziber (11-1), 19 ran. NPt Jerribo, 34, 16, 1, 18 Braciley Totar (5.40, £1.20, £1.80, £5.30, £3.20, £7.18, £7.37, £7.10 not won CSF. £97.18. Tricast £1,437.43. Tricest E1,437.43.
7.30 (5) 1. Divide And Rule (D Griffiths, 11-2), 2. Ballymote (5-2); 3, Red Test (6-1). Perpetual 2-1 fav. 9 ran. 2, 1%(, R Hollinshead, Tote: E9.50, E240, E1.20, £1.20. DF: £12.90. Tric: £8.60. CSF: £19.76. 21.90. DF: £12.90. Trio: £6.60. CSF: £19.76.
8.00 (1m 27) 1. Rory (Amanda Sanders, 7-2): 2, Essayelfisee (3-1 lav), 3. Dr Edgar (7-2). 9 ran. NF: Colway Rock, Minster Glory 11, 11/41. Mrs J. Cecil. Tote: £4.60. £1.40, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £9.20. Trio: £5.00. CSF: £14.08. Tricast: £5.82.
8.30 (60) 1. Whittile Rock (J. Fanning, 14-1). 2, Stranghai Gart (5-2 fav); 3, Pusey Street Gart (12-1). 9 ran. 11, 141. E. Alston. Tote: £15.50; £2.50, £1.60, £3.80. DF: £42.10. Trio: £246.60. CSF: £52.47. Tricast: £431.23.

£431.23.
9.00 (Im) 1, Nesrudin (Pet Eddery, 2-1); 2.
Tameem (10-11 lav); 3. Classic Leader (10-1), 7 ran. NR: Respecting, Hd, 2. D Loder, 108: £3.00, £1.40, £1.30 DF £2.10. CSF: 24.37.
2.30 (Jm 41 60)d) 1, Flying Legend (Pet Eddery, 2-5 fav), 2, Rendom Kindness (14-1), 3, Classic College (6-1), 8 ran, NR. Aveita's Way, Irish Sea, 4, W. H Cecil Tote: 1.60, 21.10, 52.70, 51.20, DF: 56.30 Trio: 55.80, CSF: £7.55.

Placepot: \$13.90. Quadpot: £2.70.

Going: good to lirm, good in places 6.45 (2m 4) oh 1, Nadjati (F Dunwood), 4-1); 2, Smply (11-4), 3, Legal Artist (12-1), Fluidity 11-4 (Hav. 11 ran. Sh hd, 13, D Gamdolfo, Totre (52.9), 51.60, 51.30, 55.40, DF 68.10 Trio: 528.00, CSF: \$14.44 7.15 (2m 110yd hole) 1. Coureur (R Gamtiy, 11-4) 2, Brave Patriarch (2-1 lav), 3, Zine Lane (11-2), 12 ran 2l, Bl M Harrantont Tole: \$2370; \$1.40, \$150, \$2.50. DF: \$4.40. Trio: \$8.30. CSF: \$248. 7.45 (3m ch) 1, Change The Reign (J Ryan, 11-4); 2, Hillwelk (11-10 fav); 3, Doordoughen (5-1), 5 ran, 194, 41 Miss A Emblinoos Tote: 23.50, £1 50, £1 30, DF: £3 00, CSF, £5.89. 53 00. GSF, 53.69.
8.15 (2m 110yd hdfe) 1, Fisio Sends (P Hde, 14-1), 2, Commandie Creek (15-1), 3, Lady Contess (7-1). Harn N°Eggs 100-30 fex. 12 ran. 8, 31. T McGovern. Toler (20 60. \$4.30, \$5.10, \$2.80. DF: \$505.90. Tro

C662 70. CSH: E196.19. Tricast: £1,567 96.
8.45 (2m II 110yd ch) 1. Noblety (R Farran,
3-1). 2. Flyrng Zlad (25-1): 3. Super Sharp
(7-2). Fierce 15-6 law 6 ran. 16. 161. N.
Welker. Tote £4 10. £1,90. £8 10 DF:
291.20. CSF £45,39.
9.15 (2m 61 110yd hdis) 1. Little Court (R
Johnson, 33-1): 2. Scarnellach (8-1), 3.
High Post (2-1 fav). 8 ran. Hd, 7. £ Bewan,
Tote: £43,40: £4.70. £1,80. £1,20. DF:
£94.70. CSF £243,78. Tricast: £718,59.

### REDCAR

THUNDERER 1.50 Stride. 2.20 Sycamore Lodge. 2.50 Percy Park. 3.25 Angue-G. 3.55 Bold Elect. 4.30 Kamari. 5.00 Indian Relative.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM Draw: 6F-1M, High Numbers Best

		•	HELLING SELTING STAFFO	
(2	-Y-0:	£2,4	495: 7() (14 nunners)	
1	(5)	565	APICULATE 23 W Kemp 8-11 G Destield	78
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3	间	04	SAMSPET 11 R Patrey 8-11 A Cultume	92
4 5	{iZi		SPARKY 4 M W Easterby 6-11 Date Gibson	92
5	(8)		WOODETTO 11 E Waymes 8-11 6 Hed	-
6	(4)	542	SLONDE ROCK 11 (BF) M Changos 8-6 P P Musphy (5)	97
7	ció	006	CLONAVON GIRL 30 M Carracho 8-5 L Charaock	-
À	(13		DANCE MELODY 18 G Oldroyd 8-6 W Ryan	80
ğ	(11)		EMBLY-JAYNE 47 Mrs M Reveley 8-6 6 Carter	83
10	(14	ň	MADAM LUCY 10 W Haigh 8-8 J Tate	=
ij	(3)		MARENMA 11 E Inciso 8-5	
12	121		RAHOMA 19 (V) 8 Restruct 8-6 J Stack (3)	85 EXERTS 23
13	ίΰ	~~	SHANDANA 14 P Haslam 8-6 M Baird (5)	4
14		77	STREDE 17 D Modey 8-6 K Fallon	韫
	(3)		·	
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215	OCENE,	12-1	others.	

2.20 TEES COMPONENTS LADY AMATEUR REDERS MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,793: 1m) (15)

1 (15) 2535 SYCAMORE LOOGE 8 Mrs J Ramaties 5-11-7

2.50 WEATHERBYS BANKING SERVICES HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,886: 1m 1) (9)

| AND CONTROL | 5-2 Ordained, 9-2 Samphiaster, Percy Park, 5-1 Linda's Joy, 6-1 Guif Ol Slam, 8-1 Harriet's Beau, 12-1 Elastrath, 14-1 others.

3.25 VAUX GOLD TANKARD HANDICAP (£13,940: 1m 2i) (9) (8) 3300 HAZARD A GUESS 7 (D.F.O.S) D Micholis 6-9-10 3-1 Bollin Frank, 7-2 Carlito Briggotte, 4-1 Fazing, 5-1 Angus-G, 6-7 Sarmatian, 8-1 Cheerlul Aspect, 10-1 gBers.

3.55 FROSTREE WINDOWS 15TH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP (£4,224: 1m 6f 19yd) (16) 

4.30 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (£3,758: 1m) (4) 1-7 Kaymant, 5-1 Berlin Blue, 20-1 Adines, 33-1 Mr Gold.

5-1 Satsia, 6-1 tota, Helitarrik, 8-1 Uncle Doug, Sharp Sensation, 10-1 Bold Bect,

5.00 UGTHORPE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,945: 61) (6)

1 (3) 4502 BACKHANDER 15 M Wate 4-9-7 \_\_\_\_ J Edimunds (7) 83 2 (6) 3-00 DUD MASTER S3 Mtz M Reveley 3-9-0 \_\_\_\_\_ A Cultane 88 3 (2) 34-5 RIVER TERM 22 J Bery 3-9-0 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 Carter 72 4 (1) 2-00 BOLLIN DORROTHY 24 I Easterby 3-8-11 \_\_\_\_ C Factors (7) 85 (5) 362 DELPHINE 17 M Bet 3-8-11 \_\_\_\_ G Factors (7) 85 (4) -903 WOMAN RELATIVE 21 R Guest 3-8-11 \_\_\_ D Shiftsha (5) 96 3.30 (Si) 1. Burkes Manor (D Hemson, 7-2); 594 70. CSF: £243.78. Tricast: £716.59. 9-4 Both Droothy, 5-2 Delphine, 7-2 Indian Relative, 5-1 Dec Master, 8-1 Placepot: £245.70. Quadpot: £53.60. Backtander, 14-1 Biver Ten.

### LINGFIELD PARK

6.15 Old School House. 6.45 Judgement Call. 7.15 Will To Win. 7.45 Superior Force. 8.15 Alistars Express. 8.45 Artenxerxes.

GOING: FIRM (TURF COURSE); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

**6.15** TAIWAN AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£3,047: 1m 3f 106yd) (14 runners)

2224 LALINDH 11 (8.F.G.S) D Esworth 5-11-7 P Henley 11
2 34-5 CREST ASIAN 12 (D.F.) D Arbatinot 5-11-4. Mer. D Arbatinot 7
3 3220 COURBARIL 28 (F.S.) \$ 100 w 4-10-13 S Fethersonnhaugh (5) \$
4 10-5 SET THE FASHION 9 (C.F.G.S) D YHIGHT 7-10-10 Miss \$ Hyggars (5) 1 

**6.45** SINGAPORE HANDICAP (£3,152: 51) (14) 13 6-06 DOUBLE OR BUST 18 A Newcords 3-7-10. Ions Wands (7) 4
14 0000 TOMMY TEMPEST 8 (20,6.5) R Pascock 7-7-10 A Day (9) 11
2 Resultants 5-10-45

9-2 Beau Venture, 5-1 Bowcliffe Grange, 6-1 Halliard, 8-1 Clen Chiel, Judgement Call, 10-1 Kiwod, Tee-Emm, 12-1 others. 7.15 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SKY STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,319: 51) (5) HEVER GOLF CHARGER T Namehom 8-9...
3 VICTORY DANCER 7 B Meetan 8-5...
PAT SAID NO D Cosprove 8-5...
0 LE SHATTLE 2 IN Grangless 8-0...
543 WILL TO WIRI 11 P Murphy 7-13.... 6-4 Victory Dancer, 5-2 WRI To Win, 9-2 Le Shuttle, 6-1 Hever Golf Charger, 10-1 Pat Said No.

7.45 BELJING MAIDEN HANDICAP
(All-weather: £3,047: 1m) (12) 3-1 Bright Eclipse, 5-1 Ram., 7-1 Voodoo Rockel, 8-1 | Recall, Hight Ot Glass, Availet, 10-1 others.

8.15 CHATS MARRIAGE HANDICAP SKY (£3,333: 1m 1f) (14)

1 -000 KETABI 70 (8,6) R Alichurst 5-9-10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5 Sanders 7
2 GS31 ALLSTARS BOPRESS 7 (£,9) T Houghton 3-9-9 \_\_\_\_\_\_ D Hamfoon 9
3 D050 COINC Hill. 17 (F) J Pearts 5-9-7 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 6 Bardwelt 5
4 4640 BENJAMES LAW 14 (£,6) J Petersing 5-9-5 \_\_\_\_\_\_ J Outinn 12
5 -000 FLANE OF HOPE 19 J Derhop 3-9-4 \_\_\_\_\_ T Sprale 1
6 0005 LABUDD 23 (£,6) R Rigsom 6-9-3 \_\_\_\_\_\_ N Adams 11
7 -000 DOUBLE RISK 19 P Plants 4-9-0 \_\_\_\_\_ 6 Hand 4
9 0-04 MAY KONG MAYHEM 25 Mcs A King 3-8-13 \_\_\_\_\_ A Gardh 8
10 00-0 SUBELOVED 33 M Berry 4-8-12 \_\_\_\_\_\_ C Adamson (5) 2
11 000- SR OLIVER 161J (£) 8 Pearce 7-9-2 \_\_\_\_\_ Leepa Lining 3
12 000 SROLIVER 161J (£) 8 Pearce 7-9-2 \_\_\_\_\_ Leepa Lining 3
13 0000 GD000 SO FA 12 (V,£,5) C Alien 4-7-13 \_\_\_\_\_ C Rotter 13
14 420- TOUT DE VAL 299 K Bishop 7-7-13 \_\_\_\_\_\_ M Henry (3) 1
2-1 Allstars Finness: 5-1 Plants Of Hoos 6-1 Magbib, 16 May King Mayhem, 10-1 3-1 Allstars Express, 5-1 Flame Of Hope, 6-1 Kelson, 6-1 May King Mayhem, 10-1 Benjamins Law, Sporting Risk, 12-1 others.

8.45 HONG KONG LIMITED **STAKES** (3-Y-0: £3,975: 7f) (3) 3 -515 ARTERXERXES 12 (0.F) M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ..... 4-7 Poetry, 5-2 Xenophon Of Canasa, 6-1 Artementes.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

LINGRIELD PARK: Trainers: J Gosden, 18 winners from 68 numers; 28.5%; P Hams, 12 Iroth 66, 18.2%; G Harwood, 12 from 70, 17.1%; J Hills, 17 from 103, 16.5%; R O'Sulfkan, 50 from 318, 15 Fk; Méss G Kalleway, 14 from 103, 13.6%; A Jockeys: M Roberts, 17 winners from 97 nides, 17.5%; G Hand, 7 from 47, 14.5%; M T McCarley, 3 from 24, 14.3%; B Joyle, 32 from 231, 13.9%; D Hantson, 32 from 288, 11.1%. Only quarkiers. REDCAR: Trainers: E Duniop, 3 winners from 11 numers, 27.3%; J Gooden, 12 from 52 23,1%; J Herris, 5 from 23, 21.7%, J Dunion, 9 from 44, 20.5%; M Bell, 8 from 46, 17.4%; J Hills, 5 from 30, 18.7%, Jackeys: W Ryant, 15 winners from 75 rides, 20.0%; G Duffield, 16 from 99, 16.2%; G Hind, 10 from 63, 15.9%; K Fallon, 18 from 129, 14.0%; J Stack, 6 from 49, 12.2%, M Tubbust, 4 from 35, 11.4%.

### SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER 1.55 Robert's Toy. 2.25 Jimmy O'Dea. 2.55 Court Circular. 3.30 Cuban Nights. 4.00 Nocatchim. 4.35 Denomination. 5.05 Arrange.

IAN STEWAR

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

1.55 WILL SCARLET NOVICES CHASE (£4,092: 2m) (8 runners) 3 05-4 EMERALD MOOS 14 (F.G.S.) F. RECORD # 11-6 S Burrough 4 323 HERESTYCHEAU 25 (F.G. ) Wolcon 7-11-0 B Called 5 PS 15-4 S BURROUS 19 (F. M. B. S.) F. F. G. Microel Breunon 6 6 32-2 GESSERA 14 (F.G. ) 7-35 a F. F. S. Microel Breunon 6 6 32-2 GESSERA 14 (F.G. ) 7-35 a F. F. S. Microel Breunon 7 Br C Madrall 8 300 COLO (EDS 10.3.) 1 (Figure 9 5-16-1 R Massey (3)

Sid Potent Co., 194 Secretary III State 194 George 194 offers 2.25 ROBIN HOOD HANDICAP CHASE

(£4.963; 3m 110yd) (12) 

5-2 Southert, Gale 5-1 Jerson, O Sea 6-1 Tress. 8-1 Drumouden. 10-1 others 2.55 ALEXANDRA MOTORS HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,054: 3m 110yd) (13)

1 PO-1 MINDRANG BUSH 13 (0,F,6) M Page 6-12-0.... D Bridgwater
2 584- MIDDRANG 30 (0,F,6) K Mongan 5-11-11..... J Osborna
3 14-3 SCRABO VEW 16 (£0,F,6) K Bearmont 8-11-10... R Scripte
4 /02- COUNT CHECULAR 302 (£0,F,6) W Cary 7-11-6 Gay Lawk 3
5 34-5 ABLE PRAYER 13 (£0,F,6) K Dewny 9-11-4... M Starrati
6 53-3 MESCAF 13 (F) C Mean 6-11-3... R Dominocoly
7 P2-6 LA FROMTANBLEAU 13 (F) D Brown 8-11-2... M Dwyer
9 105- STROMS (10M 21 (F,6) M Soversty 8-11-1... K Gade (3)
10 483- DEPRANG BRIDGE 21 (5) MrS Johnson 6-10-10... R Johnson
11 36-6 AMSS Philip Parket, 13 (8,D,F) A Barrow 6-10-10... L O'Harn
12 P1-5 ASSY OVER 8 (£7,6,5) L Jenkins 10-10-0...... S Fox
13 PP-P PRECIS 13 (5) O Carter 8-10-0............. S Fox
1-1 Morning Blash, 5-1 Scrabo View 6-1 Modinato, 7-1 Meacaf, 8-1 others.

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Ascot: 2.30 Willow Dale. 4 10 Manoni. Ayr: 3.15 Goretski, Man Of Wir 4 45 Thweab Lingfield Park: 6.45 Bowofile Grange Redcer: 1 50 Rahnns. 2.20 How Could-I, Bowofile Grange Redcer: 1 50 Rahnns. 2.20 How Could-I, Wolver-hampton: 7:00 He's Got Wings, Redmore Brandy, Salsten. 7:30 Another Quarter. 8:30 Little Noggins. 9:00 Dancing Star. 9:30 Sommersty.

601- HAMADRYAD 33 (CD.F) Mrs V Ward 8-11-7
32-1 ZAMD 14 (CD.F) K Budie 5-11-7
0- BOLD LOOK 21 P Wather 5-11-0
0- P MYSER 7 K Warner 6-11-0
50P PHASEOV 565 G Oktoyd 9-11-0
7/13- PRINZAL 56 F.E.S. G McCourt 9-11-0
0- CUBAN NIGHTS 15F B Lievellyn 4-10-9
P-P NEYER SAY SO 14 Mrs S Lapyman 4-10-4 6-4 Zahad, 3-1 Suzs Leat, 7-2 Harmathyad, 6-1 Bold Look, 8-1 Pringel, 20-1 others. 4.00 MAID MARION HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,211: 2m) (10) 4.35 SHERIFF OF NOTTINGHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES SELLING HANDICAP HURBLE (£1,943: 2m 4f 110yd) (10) 

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 Classic Beauty, 7.30 Sandmoor Denim. 8.00 Sualtach. 8.30 Portend. 9.00 Our Kevin. 9.30 In The

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

7.00 WALSALL MAIDEN HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,381: 1m 1f 79yd) (12 runners) (3-Y-0: £2,381: 1m 11 79yd) (12 runners)

1 4293 CLASSIC BEAUTY 7 R Hants 9-7 A Mackey 4
2 66-5 HALEBID 23 (8F) S Woods 9-5 W Woods 2
3 0003 SS GARDEN 8 (8) T Experty 8-9 R Havin (3) 3
4 80-0 ANMATION 33 (8) P McAudit 8-9 J Take 11
5 -000 HE'S GOT WORSS 25 (8) M Bell 8-7 M Fenton 1
6 -000 BOUNDARY BIRD 14 (8) M Johnston 8-6 K Stod (7) 12
7 643 TRSANNA 25 Lord Huntingdon 8-5 A Window (3) 7
8 0404 SHOLLDREISNEY 19 W Main 8-4 K Stod (7) 12
9 0600 SISANN 14 (8) S Wilkers 8-4 D Window (3) 7
9 0600 SISANN 14 (8) S Wilkers 8-4 D Window (3) 6
10 4020 RADINORE BRANDY 12 (7) N Letroden 7-10 P Works 10
11 000 RAGTIME COWESS, 61 C Thereton 7-10 F Horizon 10
12 4000 BELACQUA 9 (8) D Chapman 7-10 P Doe (7) 8
3-1 Classic Beauty, 5-1 Shouldbegrey, 6-1 He's Co; Wings, 7-1 others.

7.30 WILLENHALL CLAIMING STAKES (£2,381: 1m 100yd) (13)

(£2,381: 1m 100yd) (13)

1 0-06 ETHBAAT 7 (F) W Mur 5-9-9 ... M Flotards 11
2 8101 SWEET SUPPOSIN 42 (V.CD.6) Mbs 5 Witon 5-9-9 S Witoword 3
3 0301 SANOWOOR DENBM 22 (CD.6) S Bowing 9-9-4 C Teague (3) 6
4 1506 MORTHETIN CELADON 22 (CD.6) M H-Etic 5-9-3 S Drowne (3) 6
5 6-04 DESSET HAPMEST 40 J Coulinar 4-9-1 ... Affine Coul; (7) 8
6 07 MARSHALL PIMOARI 784 I 1811 6-8-11 ... W Hotlick 7
7 -060 MARSHALL PIMOARI 784 I 1811 6-8-11 ... W Hotlick 7
8 0000 OULENS STROULER 24 (C.6) I Wall 5-8-8 P McCate (3) 2
9 2510 DRAGONLOY 14 (8,CD.6) J Payre 3-8-7 ... A McCatore 10
10 0 MRINEE THE MIRK 22 W G M LITTURE 5-8-7 ... N Cartista 9
11 5-0 PALADESATE CHIEF 16 W Uttraden 3-8-7 ... N Cartista 9
12 -063 ANOTHER QUARTER 22 (8) S Woods 3-8-6 ... W Woods 13
13 0 LADY RAMBO 9 L Barrat 3-8-2 ... F Rovinn 7
3-1 Sweet Suppocta, 7-2 Sandmood Denfa, 4-1 Northern Cetadon, 6-1 others.

8.00 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Handicap: £4,542: 1m 100yd) (11)

10 06-0 NEEDWOOD CUBE 8 (B) T Welf 5-10-0 .... 4-5 Denomination, 4-1 Lago Lago, 8-1 Tulcum, Marketing Man, 10-1 Westly's Wad. 16-1 Dan De Lyon, 20-1 others. 5.05 king John intermediate national hunt flat race (£1,270; 2m) (14) 2-1 Robert Samuel, 3-1 Ultimate Smoothle, 9-2 Arrange, 6-1 Petit Flow, 14-1. Alice Sheet Thom, Crushygun, 16-1 others. 8.30 PLYVINE CATERING HANDICAP

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1 2022 CREAN EST 7 (B,CD,G) M Litimodes 5-10-0 — FLyach (5) 2
2 3424 STAND TALL 15 (D,BF,G) C Thombon 4-9-11 — D McGoown 8
3 0122 PORTENO B (B,D,G,S) S Bowing 4-9-9 — C Tengue (S) 4
4 -004 HMTON ROCK 16 (B,F) A Balley 4-9-5 — D Whight (S) 9
5 1120 SPLCOWS 32 (D,B) W Haggs 3-9-4 — X Fallon 8
5 1243 PALACEBATE TOUCH 14 (B,D,B,S) J Beny 6-9-4 — X Fallon 8
7 0500 LITTLE ENR 16 (CD,F,G) P Esiats 5-9-2 — M Featon 12
8 16 MLAS 19 (D,F) L Montaque Hall 3-9-2 — J F Egan 13
9 2206 SINS WITH THE BAND 7 (G) 8 McMahon 5-9-2 — G Carter 13
10 0000 BOPF 16 (CD,E) B Baugh 3-8-13 — N Carters 13
11 0205 DESERT WANDER 5 (D,C,S) D Chapmen 5-8-13 A Carters 10
12 -016 VAX MENY WAY 15 (B,DJ,E) C Dyers 3-8-9 — F Worken 10
12 -017 UTTLE NOGGONS 16 (B,D,F,S) C Dyers 3-8-9 — F Worken 14
4-1 Portand, 6-1 Hinton Rock, 7-1 Stand Tafl, 8-1 Cretan GB, 10-1 Splicang, 14-1
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1 4412 OUR KEYON 9 (3) (V.D) K McAulifle 9-2 ... J. Tale 5
2 060 EAGER TO PLEASE 23 J Bray 8-11 ... 6 Cardar 6
3 38 FEARLESS CAVALIER 4 R Hoffmenhead 8-11 ... F Lyon (5) 3
4 38 ABSTONE QUEEN 71 P Event 8-6 ... K Feden 8
5 2260 DANCHE STAR 51 (8) P Event 8-6 ... M Fedino 2
DITY BOX M Usher 8-6 ... A McGlone 1
7 5 MOOR HALL PRINCESS 21 K Buck 8-8 ... S Widthwrith 4
8 TYCONN TRAK W Brisbourne 8-6 ... R Mullen (7) 7
1-1 Con Table West Defenses 9-2 Fearliess Carolier 5-1 Denoing Str. 3-1 Der Kawn, 7-2 Moor Hall Princess, 3-2 Fearless Caveller, 5-1 Dancing Star. 6-1 Abstone Queen, 8-1 Eager To Please, 10-1 others.

9.30 JOHN SANDERS MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£2,381: tm 4f) (12) 1 3322 LOCOROTOMO 28 (F.S.S) M Bell 5-10-0 ... R Matio (7) 2
43-0 TOPANGA 23J J Bernett 4-9-13 ... A McGione 1
3 1041 M TRE MONREY 19 (CD) F.S) R Hollisstrad 7-9-12 F Lyach (5) 4
0000 CLAQUE 44 (E.S) D Chapman 4-9-11 ... A Celline 12
5 320- LIDHAMA 229 G Lens 4-9-10 ... S Westworth B
6 0-00 SUMMERSBY 21J (V.CD.G) Mis N Macauley 5-9-9
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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAMERS: M. Johnston, 37 wisners from 148 rumans, 25.0%; C. Dayer, 4 from 16, 25.0%; Lord Huntington, 17 from 78, 21.8%; G. Lewis, 11 from 54, 20.4%; W Happes, 5 from 26, 19.2%, S Wittams, 9 shorn 50, 18.0%. JOCKEYS: W Woods, 14 winners from 68 riges, 20.6%, G Carter, 37 from 186, 19.9%, F Lynch, 13 from 77, 16.9%, J Take, 3 from 67, 13.4%; P McCaha, 6 from 47, 12.8%; D Whyte, 23 from 788, 12.2%.

RACING: PERSISTENT IRISH OWNER REWARDED WITH HANDSOME DIVIDEND IN HARDWICKE STAKES

### Oscar Schindler adds to winning tale

By JULIAN MUSCAT

A tale that started with reporter trawling the South American Pampas for a longlost widow reached glorious fruition at Royal Ascot yester-day when Oscar Schindler galloped to victory in the Hardwicke Stakes.

After Oscar Schindler, rid-den by Michael Kinane, fought hard to collar Annus Mirabilis in the closing stages, Oliver Lehane, the colt's owner-breeder, told how he was determined to commemorate the German wartime officer popularised in the film, Schindler's List. It was to prove an expensive exercise for the Irishman, whose resolve hardened with every obstacle he encountered.

Lehane's initial request for the name was rejected by

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Nap: MEDIEVAL LADY (2.00 Ascot) Next best: Midnight Escape (2.30 Ascot)

Weatherbys (Ireland), who insisted, as is normal practice, that the consent of the individual or his immediate family was required. So started Lehane's search for Emilie, widow of the man who saved thousands of Jewish lives in the Second World War, who was eventually traced to a village some 100 kilometres

from Buenos Aires. "I spoke to embassies in Germany and Ireland and then sent a reporter to Argentina to seek her permission," Lehane related. "At first the woman was not happy. She said she still had some uncomfortable memories but I insisted the horse wouldn't be lucky if I didn't get the name." In the end Lehane, a man of considerable wealth, finally had his way. "The whole thing set me back a lot of time and money, Lehane said, "but today makes it all worthwhile."

Lehane also revealed that he declined an offer of £600,000 for Oscar Schindler last week.

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2.3 comeback

2.30 Willow Dale

4.10 SELECT FEW (nap).



Kinane powers to his fifth victory of the royal meeting on Oscar Schindler in the group two Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot yesterday

possibly sell," he said. "My mother. Christine, has been dieting to come here ever since the horse won at Chester last month. She is 76 years old and has never been before. I also have three nieces with me. It has been the thrill of a lifetime for us all."

Oscar Schindler first had to survive a 20-minute stewards' inquiry, which had Lehane anxiously asking whether his horse had interfered with Phantom Gold. His concern was understandable: Phantom Gold carries the Queen's stormed through from an livery and this, after all, is the royal racecourse.

Oscar Schindler was the third Irish-trained winner of the week, and the second for Prendergast after Verglas's triumph in the Coventry Stakes on Tuesday. The joy Ireland brings to the Ascot winner's enclosure will never reach Cheltenham proportions but such scenes are nevertheless most welcome. Another carnival-type atmosphere prevailed after Emergumpromising position at halfway to cause an upset in the Wokingham Handicap over six furlongs. John Dunlop, who trains the winner, had an extra reason to celebrate: he is among the three-man partner-

ship which owns the horse. Invariably, the logic that follows such shock results makes perfect sense. Philip Wroughton, whose silks Emerging Market carries, told an inquisitive audience: "The bigger the field, the more trouble he finds in running;

the less daylight he sees, the better he likes it. He is best in a Cecil and Eddery drew blanks at this prestigious fixture since big scrummage and they don't come any bigger than the 1973 and 1984 respectively.

The Derby form received its first dent when Shantou, third behind Shaamit at Epsom, Reg Akehurst joined Duncould finish only third to lop with a brace of winners at this fixture when Admiral's Amfortas in the King Edward VII Stakes over 12 furlongs. Well tracked Speed To Lead into the home straight before Shantou's reversal was a blow forging clear in the Queen Alexandra Stakes. However, Akehurst celebrated at the to purists and punters alike. While the purists mourned. punters licked their wounds as expense of Henry Cecil and Amfortas, with no form to Pat Eddery, the trainer and recommend him, prevailed at jockey responsible for Speed 66-1. It has been that kind of To Lead. It was the first time

### **Prescott shows** master touch with Pivotal

AFTER a sighter with Last Second. the gambled-on runner-up in the Coronation Stakes on Wednesday, Sir Mark Prescott hit the bullseye at Royal Ascot yesterday when he sent out Pivotal to gain a remarkable triumph in the King's Stand Stakes.

The first leg of the sprinters' crown has been won by a three-year-old only three times in the past decade. He is the first of the classic generation to have landed the race on his seasonal reappearance in that period. Sir Mark was submerged with well-wishers offering congratulations with a warmth and generosity which served to underline the affection attached to the master of Heath House in

Newmarket. Needless to say, the baronet was at his self-mocking best as he soaked in the most important victory of a training career stretching back more than a quarter of a century. If he had his way. Pivotal would have been aimed for a handicap "touch" or the easier Cork and Orrery Stakes. In the same way, he would have preferred to send Last Second to an easier race than

the Coronation Stakes. "There has been a major outbreak of indiscipline among Heath House owners during the past week which is not encouraged." he said, tongue in cheek. "Unfortunately, the owners have been proved almost right and right at the trainer's expense.

Backed from an early price of 12-1 to 13-2. Pivotal took full advantage of a favourable stands' side draw to beat Mind Games, on the far rail, by half a length. George Duffield, who has ridden for Prescott for 20 years, reflected: "We have slummed it over the years around Edinburgh so it is nice to come here, take on the best and beat them."

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Racing Correspondent

The victory completed a change of luck for David and Pat Thompson of Cheveley Park Stud, who earlier had seen their col-ours carried to victory by Dazzle, who was making her debut in the Windsor Castle Stakes.

The four-day crowd of 232,360 at the royal meeting was the highest since the present stands were built in the 1960s and underlined the remarkable transformation in the fortunes of Ascot since Douglas Erskine Crum and Nick Cheyne took over the day-to-day running of the course. The attendance was ll per cent higher than last year and 7 per cent higher that the previous record in

Erskine Crum said: "Ascot is a raceçourse where everyone is welcome and we want to ensure that everyone who comes here enjoys the experience and comes back. For the most part 1 think we achieved that this year, but there is always room for improvement."

That is a message which racecourse should read, learn and inwardly

406 FAR AHEAD 10 (0.6.5) J Eyre 4-9-12 R. Lappa 0033 DR EDGAR 2 (0.F.G) 12 00th 4-9-0 J. Carnol 60-3 EFDJA 15 (0.F.S.) 5 1/core 6-8-13 J Fartane 63-2 SHABANAZ 15 (0.F.G.S) 21/Lor 11-5-12 W.J. O'Connor 1500 LUCKY EEA 24 (6) V. V. Eugenry 2-9-1 J Farnang 2231 NEP BATTLING 5 (0.D.F.) J Solet 6-8-1 (5e) J Williams -042 STORMALESS 22 F Marxiam 5-7-10 Darren Mortan (5.

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4.45 DOONFOOT HANDICAP (£2,918: 6f) (15)

4.15 BELLEISLE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

3.45 ALLOWAY HANDICAP (£3,615: 1m 2f) (7)

**STAKES** (2-Y-0<sup>.</sup> £2,775: 61) (4)

### 3.35 Hoh Express

4.10 She's My Love

3.00 Astor Place 5,30 BOLIVAR (nap) The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 SAMARA. narket Correspon

### GHIEF CHURCH STAFF

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hell 9-10-G . B West (4) 88

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103	(B)	002-11	SAMARA 29 (D.F.G.) (Aylesfield Farms) J Durdop 9-4	T Cuinn
104	(4)	221	DAVINA 17 (D.F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-8	
105	(5)	145-01	POLISH SPRING 37 (F) (Marsion Stud) B Hills 9-3	B Thomson
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107	(9)	1-246	MESS REVIERA 38 (F) (J Pearce) G Wragg 8-13	м нтъ
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Long handicap: Medieval Lady 8-5. TTING: 9-4 Semana. 11-4 Medieval Lady, 9-2 Dawra, 8-1 Prends Ca., 10-1 Roses in The Snow, Polish Spring -1 Tamazanda, 14-1 others.

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#### 3.00 MIL CARS CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-0: £9,519: tm 4f) (5 runners)

301 (2) 1112-43 WET A MINITE 44 (F.S.) (E Westman) R Hollinchesid 9-4 302 (5) 25-1560 ACHARMS 14 (C.S.) 901 (2) 1112-43 WEET-A-MINETE 44 (F.S.) (E Weetman R Hoffinshead 9-4
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303 (1) 311-00 MASENAMS 32 (6.S.) (H Al Maccount ) Dowloop 9-0
304 (3) 415-30 ASTOR PLACE 20 (6.) (R Sangston) (P Chapple-Hyarn 8-1)
305 (4) 514 SMART PLAY 28 (0.1) (Mr. G Ward) Mrs. J Cool 8-11 NON RUNNER BETTING: Evens Ager Place, 3-1 Actionse, 3-2 Masshash, 5-1 Weel-A-Monale 1995: JUYUSH 8-13 W Carson (11-8 lav) B Hills 4 lan

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#### 3.35 LADBROKE HANDICAP (£21,203: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

ing Market, a 33-1 chance,

(2) 31:605-1 SALMON LADDER 10 (6.5) (M Arabb) P Cole 4-10-0 ... 7 Datas 83 (6) 3-00563 Nath EXPRESS 14 (6) (D Augon) I Baiding 4-9-7 ... N Darky 91 (10) 24135-5 ELLE ARABDERKY 14 (D.5,6) Explained Shull Jirnettame 4-9-6 D Harrison 91 (2) 2200-16 BALL GOWN 37 (D.F.G.5) (C Lenes) D Thom 6-9-4 ... D R McCobe 95 (M 60-0204 PERCY BARTHANIE 7 (F) (B Yeardley) M Johnslon 4-8-8 ... J Widden 97 (11) 1220-04 CONS-PICLUBUS 14 (D.F.G.) (F, Idx. J Hoyles) L Cornel 6-8-6 ... J Gunn 96 (1) 00020-4 DREAMS BND 7 (D.G.S) (T Proc.) P Braven 8-8-6 ... J Reid 90 (8) 941013 KOMREYEV DARCER 10 (D.F.G.) D Gallaghers 4-8-0 ... A Daby (5) 92 (3) 1-43623 ACCESS ADVENTURER 13 (D.F.G.) Miles E Williama JR Boss 5-7-13 M Roberts 92 (7) 300-304 PRIZE PUPIL 26 (CD.R.) (S Seb) C Wall 4-7-11 ... N Carlists 98 BETTING: 5-2 Salmon Lactier, 5-1 Hoth Equiess, 6-1 Conspicuous, 8-1 Percy Braithwaite, Prize Pupil. 10-1 Ball Gown, Elfe Antersky, 12-1 Konweyev Dancie, 14-1 others

1995: SALT LAKE 4-9-6 J Reid (9-1) P Chapple-Heart 13 ran

### FORM FOCUS

SALMON LADDER best Brity Busineacher 81 in 6manner conditions: cace at Hata-lton (1m 11, good)
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PERCY Brits 134 in 13-numer handscap at Newmarket (1m 2, good to form) on penultimale cart.
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Sandmoot Chambray in handscap at York (1m 11,

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### 4.10 TRIUMVIRATE LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-0: £6,359: 1m) (12 runners) (6) 210334 OLMLITY 42 (B.D.F.S) (N Yong) W O'Gomma B-13 ... Errere O'Gorosa (1) 051-301 SELECT REW 12 0D-FB (Smeth Mehammed) L Cuman B-13 ... I Weaves (1) 051-301 SELECT REW 12 0D-FB (Smeth Mehammed) L Cuman B-13 ... I Weaves (1) 052-045 APACHE LEN 10 (R Taum) R Hawton B-11 ... R Hughes B4 (1) 052-045 APACHE LEN 10 (R Taum) R Hawton B-11 ... Pat Ecidery 8 (Smeth Mehammed) R Hills B-11 ... Pat Ecidery 8 (Smeth Mehammed) R Hills B-11 ... M Fenton 9 (Smeth Mehammed) R Hills B-11 ... S Whithworth 97 (T) 05-204 PROUD MOMK 13 (S) (K Higgsol) 6 L Malore B-11 ... S Whithworth 97 (T) 05-12 (CAPLANO PRINCESS 14 (F.S) (M Colles) D Haytin Jones 8-18 ... A Mackey 97 (T) 05-12 (OAMMA LUMA 19 (D.S) (D Deer) J Hills B-12 ... M Henry (3) 93 (B) 23232 GOLDEN PORO 12 (D.F) (J Horgan R Libraria Haupton B-10 ... J Reid 98 (T) 10 (Shee) P Charles B-11 ... S Darley 97 (T) 3110-53 KISS ME AGAIN 19 (F) (B Latemart) R Harrion 8-8 ... T Quinn 90 (M) 1340-20 SHES MY LIDWS 32 (F) (A A Schah) J Starks B-8 ... J Quinn 91 (M) 15 M. Starks Bea (S. M. Libraria Brusses Shat; My Low 8-1 Downs BETTING: 3-1 Select Few. 9-2 High Noise, 5-1 Solden Fond, 7-1 Capitano Princess. Sha's My Love, 8-1 Orient Lona 10-1 Diamstod Beach, 12-1 Ress Me Again, 14-1 others

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

### FORM FOCUS

SELECT FEW heat Zygo 1/41 in 6-numer rated states at Window (1 in 67yd, 1 im), APACHE LEN 4/41 4/81 of 11 to Farmed in handcap at Sandown (17, good to south on penulturate state DIAMONIA)
BEACH 3/41 3rd of 11 to Lonel Estect/s in master auction at Sandown (17, good to im). CAPILANO PRINCESS beat Meshalful 1/81 (pleanings of last two later severage) in 7-numer handcap at Doncas.

### 4.40 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

601	69	CARATI (Mrs. J. Root) R Bocc. 8-11 M. Roberts
682	(Z)	FRENCH MEST (Mrs & Upstell) C Britain 8-11
603	iń	HADAWAH (H A) Maktours) J Durling 8-11
604	(8)	HANAN (Belicol Ltd) P Kellendy B-11 J Wester
605	(4)	KALDIKA (Else flacing Chio) P Cole 8-11,
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### Medieval Lady to follow up

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2.00: Samara will be a warm order here after two convincing handicap successes, the latest achieved in eye-catching style when quickening five lengths clear of Smarter Charter at Pontefract. She is sure to go close but has been raised 12lb for that win. Medieval Lady beat some well-regarded maidens at Newbury recently after two promising runs last year, including a close fifth behind Sil Sila, the French Oaks winner. This race is often won by a handicap debutant and she looks worth a bet to continue the trend.

2.30: Midnight Escape, from an in-form yard, showed much-improved form when beating Wildwood Flower on his reappearance at Windsor five weeks ago. He can follow up from a good draw. The progressive Rushcutter Bay and Willow Dale look best of the rest.



### TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.00: In a race which makes little betting appeal, Acharne is a tentative choice. Despite being far from outstanding in appearance before the Derby, he did particularly well to finish only seven lengths behind the winner and a reproduction of that form will see him go close. Astor Place is the form choice but after a wind operation last autumn I would like to see him win a race before backing him.

3.35: Salmon Ladder is an interesting runner, having shown himself to be better than ever when winning by eight lengths at Hamilton recently. Not disgraced in the Derby last year before having a wind operation, he could defy top weight. Ellie Ardensky is open to improvement after a pleasing reap-pearance behind Ela-Aristokrati at Epsom. However, i prefer Conspicuous, who finished an excellent fourth in that Epsom race, despite being 5lb out of the handicap.

RICHARD EVANS

2.15 Best Of All. 2.45 Statoyork, 3.15 Gwespyr, 3.45 Dr Edgar, 4.15 Peartree House, 4.45 Foist.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

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### 2.45 ROMAN WARRIOR SHIELD MAIDEN

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TRANIERS: 8 Huis, 14 winners from 43 numers, 32.6%; G Moore, 5 Iron 21, 23.8%. P Calver, 3 hom 13, 23.1%, Mrs M Hoveley, 17 hom 85, 20.0%, A Bailey, 13 from 101, 12.9%; J Mots, 6 from 63, 12.7%, JOCKEYS: J Fortune, 13 winners born 90 motes, 14.4%, J Canon, 17 from 129, 13.2% Dairen Modad, 5 hom 43, 11.6%; D McKepum, 6 from 60, 70.0%. Only qualitiers

### French raid

GLORY OF DANCER and Farasan represent Britain in the group one Grand Prix de Paris at Longchamp tomorrow. The Paul Kelleway-trained Glory Of Dancer failed to stay in the Derby and returns to ten furlongs, while Farasan, the Henry Cecil-trained colt, is unbeaten.

### RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Musselburgh (first race, 2.30). Notinghem (2.15), Warwick (Sky. 6.15), Windsor (Sky. 6.30) TUESDAY: Lingfield Park (turl and AW, 2.30), Yermouth (2.15) (200)
THURSDAY: Carlisle (215), Newbury (Sky, 630), Salisbury (200), Ultoreter (Sky, 645)
FRIDAY: Folkestone (210), Goodwood (Sky, 640), Newcastle (Sky, 616), Newmaricst (200), Welverhampton (AW, 200) SATURDAY: Bath (2.15). Doncaster (Sw. 6.45), Lingfield Park (tut and AW, Sw. 6.30). Newcastle (C4, 2.05). Newmarket (C4, 2.30), Worcastler (2.35)

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GOLF: OMENS LOOK PROMISING AS GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND TEAM LEAD IN CURTIS CUP

### New faces take the honours on opening day

opened a three-point lead over the United States on a gloriously sunny first day of the Curtis Cup here in Killarney. This margin is in danger of becoming traditional. In 1988 and 1992, GB & I led by this same margin at the end of the first day and both times they went on to victory.

The morning foursomes, which contained much poor putting and bad play, were halved 14-12. After lunch, though, the home side lost only one of the six singles and halved another to take the afternoon's play by 42-12.

"If you had offered me that result at the start I would have taken it. I am so proud of the girls," Ita Butler, the GB&I captain, said. "I am particu-larly proud of the new players. The Curtis Cup is a huge experience and they played orilliantly.

Team matches like these often swing on the selection or non-selection of one player over another. It may yet be that if the US lose tonight Martha Lang, their captain. will regret her decision to drop from the afternoon singles Kelli Kuehne, the extremely competitive US women's amateur champion, who played so well and putted so doggedly in winning her morning foursomes with Ellen Port.

This was not on the grounds of tiredness because Kuehne is only 18. Nor was it because of a foot injury that she has had for some months because she played in golf shoes without effect yesterday morning and was out supporting in the afternoon. "I was stood afternoon. down." Kuehne said. "I've got a long day ahead of me."

In all three morning matches, the 17th green was the scene of high drama and low skill. It is 20 feet above the fairway and very shallow.
Anything less than a wellstruck shot at the flag will not remain on the putting surface. which falls away at the back as well as the front. A bunker at the foot of the bank gathers the short shot.

This was by no means the only scene of poor play, however. The morning's foursomes was particularly lacklustre. The three matches yielded only two birdies from three matches and both those came from Alison Rose and Lisa Dermott as they beat Marla Jemsek and Brenda Corrie-Kuehn.

This was puzzling on slow greens on a day that could





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scarcely have been bettered for golf. Perhaps it was Curtis Cup nerves that caused Thompson and Kuehne to miss from less than two feet on the first, Hall to miss from the same distance on the 11th, and combined with Educate to three-putt the 16th, Moodie and McKay to three-putt the 17th, and then, after lunch, Stupples and Corrie-Keuhn both to three-putt the 11th.

Stupples and Rose, two debutantes, won their singles well. Stupples, 22, had one of those afternoons when her wedge produced all the magic required of it. "Every time I used it I seemed to hit my ball to four feet," she said, typically finishing off Kellee Booth by pitching to two feet and holing for victory on the loth.
Rose, the bank clerk from

Stirling, paid a visit to John Chillas, her coach, before travelling to Killarney. "Believe in yourself," Chillas told his pupil. "You're as good as anybody and you can do it." Thus inspired, Rose combined with Dermott, the Wales champion, to win their morning foursomes, and then brushed aside Corrie-Keuhn 5 & 4 in the singles.

She ended her first day of Curtis Cup play with two victories and highly excited as much by her own play as by the competition. "I won't be turning pro. This is what I enjoy. I can't think pro golf is as good as this," Rose said.

DETAILS (GB and tre names first): Four-DETAILS (GB and tre names first); Four-somes: J Half and I, Educatie test to E Port and K Kuehrie 2 and 1; A Rose and L Demott bit M Jernsek and B Come-Kuehn 3 and 1, J Moodie and M McKey halved with C Kerr and C Semple Thompson. Result: Great Britain and Ireland 1; V Linted States 1; Singles: Rose bit Come-Kuehn 5 and 4; Half lost to S Lebrun Ingram 4 and 2; K Stupples bit K Booth 3 and 2; E Ratoffle halved with Jernsek; McKey bit Kerr 1 hole; Moodie bit Semple: Thompson 3 and 1 Result: Greet Britain and Ireland 4; United States 15. Metath position (at end of first day); Greet Britain and Ireland 6 United States 3.



Mhairi McKay, of Great Britain and Ireland, chips onto the 3rd green yesterday

### Two defeats for aggressive Hall and it all ends in tears

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN KILLARNEY

HOWEVER hard it may be at the bottom. Julie Hall, one of the best amateurs of her generation, showed yesterday that it is appallingly tough on the nerves at the top. Two defeats on the opening day of her fifth and last Curtis Cup meant that it was more a case of frizzle-frazzle than the razzle-dazzle of a glorious exit.

Hall, like most champions, has always been intense in her approach, and even the designer shades that are now de rigueur for golfers could not hide her tears after defeat by Sarah Lebrun Ingram. Those asking why she should retire at 29, at her peak, probably had their answer. Ten years at the top have taken their toll. Hall, with not much more to prove, has little left to give and it is time for the youngsters to go for glory and suffer the

In bright sunshine but with the wind gusting awkwardly, par was a respectable, if often elusive, figure and, in the afternoon, Hall, playing top as befits the British champion.

Laura Davies, of Great Britain, gave warning that she intends to hold on to her Evian Masters title when she recorded a course record of 65 in the third round in France yesterday. It left Davies at ten under par on 206, two clear of Carin Hj Koch, of Sweden.

started with three bogeys three-putting twice, to find herself one down against

Îngram was still one up at the 14th, the hole that she saw as the key to the match, but her drive was too far right. To

reach the elevated green. Ingram had to keep the ball low under the branches of a tree. clear a cavernous bunker and stop the ball quickly. She opted for a running shot with a five-iron, which caught the edge of the bunker.

Hall's hallmark has always been her aggressive approach and it proved her undoing. She flew the green with her second shot and the ball ended unplayable in a bush. Ingram, with one foot in the bunker and one out, was aware of the same bush, but played a beautiful sand shot safely onto the green. Hall, having taken a drop, then flew the green again and, after a weak bunker shot, conceded. She lost the next two holes, flying the green with her approach each time, while Ingram, safely on. made sure that there was no way back.

### **Putting tip** leads to change in Farry's fortunes

FROM MELWEBB IN MUNICH

THE rain reigned, and so did confusion. The latter stages of the second round in the BMW International Open here turned into the log-jam to end them all yesterday as player after player marched steadfastly into an increasingly crowded picture at the top of the field. At the end of a wet and

miserable day, the lead was held by Marc Farry, a tall and

elegant Frenchman who was in a similar position at the halfway point of this tournament last year. He goes into the third round today hoping that the golfing gods who gave him an uncharitable thumbsdown then - he shot 71 and 72 to finish equal seventh - are in a more benevolent mood. Farry, 36, leads Richard Green, an Australian, by a shot, with Russell Claydon, David Higgins, the first-round leader, and Padraig Harrington a further stroke behind. Claydon apart, those pursuing him are not experienced in the ways of PGA European Tour golf: if Farry can hold together his game against his own burden of expectation, this might be his

A few weeks ago he was contemplating giving up tour-nament golf for something less stress-inducing. "My putting has been just terrible this season and, when your putting goes, it puts pressure on your long game, then your short game; and, before you know it, there's trouble everywhere," he said.

His salvation came last week in the form of a putting lesson from a friend, who told him to put the ball further forward so as to take his shoulders out of the swing and make the stroke more depen-dent on his hands. "He reminded me that that was the way I used to do it." he said. "It doesn't look preny, but it seems to be working OK." Totals of 28 putts on Thursday and Zi yesterday tell thestory. He had four birdies on the

front nine, none of them from more than 15 feet, and, after dropping a shot on the 11th after driving into trees, he immediately retrieved the shot, and more, by hitting a pitching wedge from 130 yards that bounced beyond the hole and ducked back into it for an unlikely eagle.

The most remarkable round was produced by Pierre Fulke, a Swede, who had ten birdies in a 62 that broke the course record. Not unnaturally, he was still wearing an incredulous smile hours later.

Results, page 52 Corporate golf fixtures will appear on Monday

### **EQUESTRIANISM**

### Law courts success with fine final run

LESLIE LAW, riding New Flavour, underlined his form for Atlanta when he won comfortably the final pre-Olympic run for the Great Britain three-day event squad held in the tranquil setting of Hartpury College in Gloucesyesterday (Jenny

MacArthur writes). In a heartening result for the selectors, two other key members of the Olympic team, Ian Stark, on Stanwick Ghost, and Mary King, on King William, finished second and third after faultless rounds over the well-rotivated

cross-country course and ten and five faults, respectively, in the showjumping. The other members of the eight-strong Olympic squad

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competing - Gary Parsonage, on Magic Rogue, Chris Hunnable, on Mr Bootsie, and

Charlotte Bathe, on The Cool Customer - were all clear across country, but in slower times. The two absentees were Karen Dixon, who is still recovering from a cracked shoulder blade, and William Fox-Pitt, who competes instead at the Scania Milton Keynes Horse Trials this weekend.

Law, 31, who lives a stone's throw from Hartpury, was delighted at the way that New Flavour, owned by Nicola Coe, took on the fences. The 11-year-old gelding, who earned his Olympic place after finishing fourth at Badminton last month, was foot-perfect.

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OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: World Bowl: Scottish Claymores v Frankluti (all

BOWLS: Women's British championships and internationals (Learnington Spa).

CYCLING: British open road race champ-lonship (138 miles, Abergavenny 11 (): men's national 50-mile lime trial (Seaton

First division

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Second Innings 

Second Innings T S Curtis not out .... W P C Weston not out ...

Umpres: J D Bond and N T Plaws

GLAMORGAN: First Innings S P James to Law .

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A Dale b Lawry ...

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P A Cottay flow b Law ...

### YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship Derbyshire v Middlesex

DERBY (second day of four) Derbyshire, with nine second-minings inckers in hand, are 274 runs ahead of Middleser DERBYSHIRE: First trungs 321 (C J Adams 125, k J Bernett 53, P C R Tulnell 5 tor 72)

Second immos C.J. Adams not out ........................

Total (1 wks) ......FALL OF WICKET, 1-98 BOWLING. Fraser 61-14-0, Fay 13.2-6-26-1, Fethern 11-1-32-0 Weekes 8-2-21-0. Tutheli 19-2-21-0 MIDDLESEX: First Innings

Egras (b 4, lb 3 w 1, rib 4) ..... Total (53.3 overs) . Total (53.3 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-10, 3-23, 4-56, 5-106, 6-107, 7-107, 9-107, 9-127, 90WLING Malcolm 12-5-31-0 Hants 14-3-14-3-5 Dean 11-4-33-1 DeFretas 14-3-50-3, Jones 2-1-1-0 Bonus points: Derbyshire 7 Middlesex 4. Umpres: R Julian and D J Constant.

Durham v Surrey DURHAM: First Innings 377 (S.L. Campbell 69, S.J. E. Brown 60, D.G.C. Ligertwood 56; ngmin 4 for 69) SURREY: First Immigs

SURHEY: First Immigs
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M A Budher c Lugsden b Banbridge
J D Rabiffe c Ligerwood b Lugsden
N Shand low b Banbridge
A D Brown not cut
t G J Kersey not out Total (4 wkts. 107 overs) . \*A J Holkoake, B P Julian, M P Bicknell, R M Pearson and J E Benjamin to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-245 2-345, 3-347, 1-376 BOWLING: Brown 23-3-78-0, Wood 19-4-83-0 Lucsden 24-5-84-2 Bernbridge 13-2-83-0 Lugsden 24-5-84-2 Bambridge 37-2, Bouing 28-5-81-0 Bonus points Durham 5 Surrey 8 Umpries: G I Surgess and G Sharp

Hampshire v Northamptonshire EASINGSTOKE (third day of four) Hamp-shire (24pts) beat Northamptonshire (4) by an immigs and 72 runs HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 394 (R A Smith 179 J S Laney 61 A L Penberthy 4 for 54) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First immigs

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D J Roberts c Keech b James
R J Bailey c Stepherson b Bovil
M B Loye c Aymes b Bovil
R J Warren c Maru b Stepherson
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Extras (b 4, lb 10, nb 2) Total 175 F4LL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-15, 3-22, 4-50, 5-73, 6-75, 7-123, 8-138, 9-174. 9OWLING Cornor 16-7-34-2, Bovill 11-3-35-2, James 11-3-27-3, Stephenson 9.1-1-48-2, Udal 6-1-17-1.

> Nottinghamshire v Gloucestershire

TRIENT BRIDGE (second day of four). Gloucestershire, with all second-imnings wickets in hand, need 238 runs to avoid an nnings deleat against Nottingha NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

Extras (b 5, lb 8, w 1, nb 12) .......

Score at 120 overs: 404-8. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-155, 2-172, 3-208, 4-218, 5-298, 6-332, 7-401, 8-401, 9-446.

BCWLING Waish 28.3-9-80-3, Smith 26-4 110-2, Lewis 23-3-90-1; Alleyne 21-3-62-1, Davis 24-6-58-1, Symondis 14-2-47-2. GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings A J Winght c Walker b Cerms N J Trainor Ibw b Cerms ...... R J Cunlifie st Walker b Bates T H C Hancock c Walker b Bow

A Symonds si Walker b Bates
M W Alleyne c Walker b Afford ...
H C J Williams c Walker b Afford ...
A M Smith not out
J Lewis c Bates b Bowen
C A Walsh b Bowen ...
H P Davis absent ... Extres (1b2, nb4) ..... 

Second Innings A J Wright not out . . . N J Traincr not out . . . Extras (fb 1) Total (no wkti

MLING Catrins 2-1-5-0. Bowen 3-1-8-0, ns 3-1-8-0. Bales 4-1-6-0. Afford 2-1-Bonus points Notinghamshire 8 Gloucestershire 3 Umpres A Clarkson and D R Shephero Somerset v Worcestershire

BATH (third day of four) Worcesterstine, with all second-innings wickets in hand, require 402 runs to beat Somerset SOMERSET: First Innings 263 (P D Bowle 112, R K Illingworth 5 Ior 40)

M N Lathwell c Weston to Newport 18
P D Bowler c Curtis b Shertyar 22
J D Betty c Weston b Shertyar 0
P C L Hollowery b llingworth 11
M E Trescothick low b Newport 16
A N Hayhurst c Weston b llingworth 16
S Loe not out Extres (fb 16, w 2, nb 14) .....

Total (6 wkts dec) 376
FALL OF WICKETS 1-38, 2-39, 3-52, 4-81, 5-87, 5-98
BOWLING Newport 19-3-53-2; Shernyar 25-1-1-107-2; Lampin 14-2-70-0; Išngworth 31-7-69-2; Moody 4-1-14-0; Sotarid 11-2-47-0

Extras (lb 1, nb 2) ..... Total (no wkt) ..... BOWLING Caddick 5-2-21-0; Rose 6-1-15-0, Bathy 2-0-7-0 Bonus points: Somersel 6 Wordestershire 4.

Sussex v Glamorgan HOVE (second day of four, Sussex won toss): Sussex, with five first-minings wickets in hand, are 29 runs ahead of Glamorgan

G P Butcher b Law ... ... P D S Croft low b Lewry ... .. S D Thomas c Wells b Lewry †C P Metson not out ... ..... S L Watkin b Lewry O T Parkin b Drokes Exeras (b 1. lb 6, w 1, nb 14) ..... Total (43.3 overs) ... 5-77, 6-60, 7-60, 8-60, 8-162 BOWLING, Drakes 7.3-1-25-1; Lewry 18-4-44-6, Godins 12-2-29-0, Law 8-2-28-3 SUSSEX: First Innings

C W J Athey c Metson b Thomas
T A Ractiord c Meynard b Parkit ...
"A P Wells c Maynard b Thomas ...
K Greenfield not out
N J Lenham b Thomas
D R C Law c Metson b Waddin .... Extras (to 5, w 2, nb 4) . . . . Total (5 wids, 51 overs) I D K Salisbury, V C Drakes, J D Lewry and E S H Giddins to bal. FALL OF WICKETS, 1-4, 2-31, 3-133, 4-133, BOWLING: Watkin 15-3-36-1; Parkin 15-6-40-1; Thomas 13-3-52-3; Croft 3-1-4-0; Butcher 5-0-25-0. Bonus points Sussax 4 Glamorgan 2.

Umpres A.A.Jones and P.Willey. Warwickshire v Kent EDGBASTON (second day of lour) Warwickshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, require 228 runs to beet Kent

KENT: First Innings 258 (M V Fleming 61; D R Brown 5 for 68, S M Poliock 4 for 80) Second Innings

Extras (b 6, lb 8, w 1, nb 8) .... .....

FALL OF WICKETS 1-14, 2-59, 3-114, 4-122, 5-132, 6-143, 7-148, 8-150, 9-158 BOWLING Pollock 18-3-57-2. Brown 21.3-5-52-6 Welch 13-2-31-2. Giles 3-1-10-0

5-52-6: Weich 13-2-31-2: Gifes 3-1-10WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings
A J Moles Ibw b Headley
W G Khan b Eafharm
D P Oster c Long b Eafharn
T L Penney b Eafharm
A F Gles c Marsh b Eafharn
S M Polock c Marsh b Eafharn
S M Polock c Marsh b Headley
HV Burns c McCague b Eafharn
G Weich Ibw b Eafharn
T A Munion c Marsh b Eafharn
Edras (0 1, 16 6, w 1, nb 8)

Second Innings

Total (2 wkts) ......FALL OF WICKETS 1-25, 2-39 BOWLING. McCague 9-2-41-2. Headley 5-1-4-0; Eatham 3-0-9-0 Bonus points: Warwckshire 4 Kent 6.

Yorkshire v Leicestershire BRADFORD (second day of four): York-stare, with so, first-innings wickets in hand, are 538 runs behind Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: Pirat Innings UECESTENSIME: MISSIME
V.J. Wells of Blakey to Gough
D.L. Maddy of Byas b Silverwood ....
B.F. Smith of Byas b Silverwood ....
P.Y. Smithons of McGrath b Hardey
"J.J. Whitaker of White b Stemp ....
A.B.K. Blacker of Missime in White Extras (b 10, lb 15, nb 20) Total (7 wkts dec) .

Score at 120 overs: 501-4. D. I Milins and M.Y Romson did not bet O J Mints and M 1 Shiftson did not deep FALL OF MCNETS: 1-50, 2-76, 3-229, 4-447, 5-503, 6-547, 7-673. BOWLING: Gough 26-5-96-1; Hardey 27-4, 113-1. Sherwood 25-4-110-2. White 26-25 111-1; Stemp 43-12-123-2, Bevan 2-0-15-0; Vaughan 23-2-88-0.

A McGrath c Nixon b Wells C White not out Extres (fb 2, nb 8) . .... Total (4 wkts, 39 overs) . †R J Blakey, D Gough, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-15, 3-61, 4-117. BOWLING Milths 11-4-54-1, Parsons 14-5-56-2; Wells 9-5-13-1; Simmons 5-1-18-0. Bonus points: Yorkshire 1 Leicestershire 5. Umpires: B J Meyer and K E Palmer. University match

**Cambridge University** 

FENNER'S (first day of three, Essex won toss): Cambridge University, with nine first-nnings wickets in hand, are 278 runs behind Essex. ESSEX: First Innings

ESSEX: First Innings
D D J Robinson b House
A J E Hibbert st Churton b Dealon
J J B Lewis low b Moffat
S D Peters c Moffat b Dealon
R J Rollins c and b Whittali
18 J Hyam run out
S J W Andrew not out
Extras (b 9, lb 6, w 3, nb 4) Total (6 wkts dec) . \*P M Such, N A Derbyshire, J H Childs and M C iloti did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-66, 3-189, 4-283, 5-301, 6-313. BCMLING: Heste 12-0-55-0, House 13-2-44-1; Moffet 16-4-63-1, Whittali 28-9-75-1; Jones 7-1-20-0; Dealon 14.5-2-41-2. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings Total (1 wkt) ...

R T Ragnauth, A Singh, "R O Cake, W J House, P J Deskin, A R Whitnell, N J Haste and G R Moffel to bet. FALL OF WICKET: 1-17. Umpires: M J Kitchen and M K Reed,

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### ROWING

### Thames hosts feast of old and new regattas

THE old and the new combine this weekend to produce a significant Thames rowing weekend, with Marlow Regat

British club teams aiming for the Thames Cup at Henley, the other being Oxford Brookes University, who, due ta being staged today and Henley Women's Regatta today and tomorrow (Mike

Rosewell writes). Marlow, the traditional curtain-raiser for Henley since 1855, has a 131-race programme involving 169 crews, many of whom, in the more senior events, will be trying to catch the eyes of the watching Henley Stewards to avoid Qualifying Races for the Royal

Regatta next Friday. None of the overseas crews. already in England for Henley, has entered the Marlow Open Eights, however, where eight of the nine crews are

CRICKET

11.0. Stard day of five, 90 overs minimum

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TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Kent

BRADFORD: Yorkshire v Leicestershire

11.0, final day of lour. 96 overs minimum

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v

RUGBY UNION

DERBY: Derbyshire v Middlesex

STOCKTON: Durham v Surrey

HOVE: Sussex v Glamorgan

University match

11.30, second day of three

Australia v Wales (in Sydney, 11.0am)..

New Zealand v Scotland (in Auckland, 3.30am).

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LORD'S: England v India

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Today

to Henley success in recent years, will be in the higher Ladies' Challenge Plate event at the Royal Regatta.

The Marlow Senior 1 Eights entry includes Yale University and Princeton University, from the United States, and

entered in the Temple Cup at Henley. They will learn something of the standard to expect as Eton's first eight and Bristol University, two of the better British Temple Cup entries, are in the Marlow line-up. The ninth Henley Women's

Regatta will have a record 241 boats, involving more than 1,000 competitors.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League Leeds v Castletord Tigers (8 0) ..... Pans Saint-Germain v Warrington (7.0) OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Women's British champonishps and internationals (Learnington Scie). Middleton Cup (2:0): Northumberland v Durham (at Almineck, Northumberland v Durham (at Almineck), Northumberland v Durham led Nollingham HO), Lancashire v Cumpria (at Southport); Yorishire v Detroyshire (at Modesbrough), Heritordshire v Northamptonshire (at Souresham Town); Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire (at Chesterion), Lecestershire v Nortok (at Reselvon), Lecestershire v Nortok (at Reselvon), Lecestershire v Nortok (at Shankin); Sumy v Berkshire (at Croydon), Susseav Oxfordshire (at Worthing Pavalion), Somerset v Devon (at Clevedon), Wittshire v Durset (at Woothon Bessett), Herefortishire v Comwell (at Wirssombe), Worcestershire OTHER SPORT

Darset (at Wootton Bassett). Horefordshire v Comwall (at Winscombe), Worcestershire v Goucestershire (at Chester Road). CYCLING: Clarence Wheeler's 10 miles. (Bolley, 7 30pm); Gravesend 10 miles. (Reculver, 2.0). GOLF: Curtis Cup ((Glamey). MOTOR SPORT: Formula Three champ-lorshin at Donoration Bads. ionship (at Donington Part). SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Bradlord v Cradley Heeth and Stoke (7.30), Coventry v Middlesbrough (7.30); Swindon v Reading (2.20)

Tomorrow

11.30, final day of three

Middlessarauge (230).
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Women's Direct Line Insurance champion-stres (Eastbourne), Club Med Cup.
(Roehampton), Hurlanghem Seniors'

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DERBY: Derbyshire v Middleser STOCKTON: Durham v Surrey BASINGSTOKE: Hampshire v Northamptonshire TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v HOVE: Sussex v Glamorgan EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Kent University match

FENNER'S; Cambridge University v MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Bedford Town: Bedfordshire v Herifordshire Hurst CC; Berkshire v RUGBY LEAGUE

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CRICKET: PRASAD WRAPS UP ENGLAND FIRST INNINGS DURING DAY OF ATTRITION WHICH LEAVES SECOND TEST EVENLY POISED

### India's resistance stiffens after Russell's century

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

LORD'S (second day of five): India, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 261 runs

THERE was a time yesterday, with Jack Russell exulting in a century and India wondering where their next wicker could come from, when England seemed about to take complete command of this second Cornhill Test. But the longer the day continued the less inclined the Indians became to submit meekly once again. With Sachin Tendulkar at the wicket, all things remain possible.

England were bowled out for 344, having lost their last four wickets for 18 in a contrary flurry of strokes. India's rebuilt batting suffered an early blow and then retrenched stoically. It was a day on which the game moved only slowly, runs coming at barely two per over, and the overall picture was no clearer at close of play than at the

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Modern Test cricket is played at a frenetic pace. Few days are as attritional and

**ENGLAND:** First brings

ENGLAND: First limitings

\*M A Atherton libw b Srinath
(2mm, 5 balls)

A J Stewart b Srinath
(126mm, 81 balls, 3 lours)

N Hussain c Risthore b Ganguly
(170mm, 110 balls, 5 lours)

G P Thorpe b Srinath
(238mm, 178 balls, 10 lours)

G A Hick c Srinath b Ganguly
(10mm, 9 balls)

R C Irani b Prasad
(4mm, 2 balls)

R C Russail c Tendulitar b Prasad
(372mm, 251 balls, 13 lours)

C C Lewis c Mongia b Prasad
(158mm, 118 balls, 3 lours)

D G Cork c Mongia b Prasad
(27mm, 24 balls)

P J Martin c Tendulitar b Prasad
(9mm, 24 balls)

P J Martin c Tendulitar b Prasad
(9mm, 8 balls, 1 lour)

A D Multally not out
(6mm, 3 bolls)

Extras (b 13 lb 11 nb 14)

Total (130.3 overs, 565min)

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Total (130.3 overs, 565min) . . . . 344
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0 (Stewart 0), 2-67
(Hussan 34), 3-98 (Thorpe 25), 4-102
(Thorpe 29), 5-107 (Thorpe 35), 6-243
(Russel 70), 7-326 (Russel 111), 8-337
(Russel 121), 9-343 (Russel 123),
BOWLING: Smeath 33-9-76-3 (rb. 4, 10)
burs; 7-4-51, 7-2-16-1, 8-0-30-0, 5-1-18-1,
6-2-7-0); Prassad 33-3-10-78-5 (rb. 1; 8)
lours; 5-3-4-0, 4-1-8-0, 8-2-24-1, 3-0-11-0,
8-2-2-10, 5-3-2-8-4); Minambray 19-3-58-0
rrb 8; 6 lours; 4-1-15-0, 5-0-22-0, 6-0-18-0.

positional as this and many of the capacity crowd seemed unsure of its merits. From teatime to stumps, the lawns behind the pavilion remained full, cakes giving way to cocktails while the cricket proceeded, unseen, at its leisurely pace. Only when Tendulkar emerged did inter-

est perk up. For England, and especially for Graham Thorpe, the day had a disappointing start. Thorpe makes too few centuries and here was as good a chance as he will get to improve his ratio. He all but ran himself out without facing a ball, then struck the next ball imperiously for four.

This was a stroke to settle the nerves but but in the next over from Javagal Srinath. India's third with the new ball, he was undone by additional bounce and could only deflect the ball down into his stumps. If this was no more than Srinath deserved for his perseverance, it was rather less than Thorpe deserved for an innings of poise and precision.

Extras (tb 1, nb 1) ...

Total (2 wkts, 40 overs, 174min) . . . 83

\*M Acharuddin, A Jadeja, R Dravid, A Kumble, J Sanath, P L Mhambrey and B K V Prasad to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25 (Mongia 9), 2-59 (Ganouly 19)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25 (Mongle 9), 2-39 (Sanguly 19)

BOWLING: Lewis 11-1-28-1 (3 lours; 5-1-11-0, 6-0-17-1); Corth 13-6-22-1 (rib 2, 4 lours; 7-3-18-1, 6-3-6-7); Multelly 9-4-18-0 (2 lours; 6-3-8-0, 3-1-10-0); Martin 5-1-13-0 (2 lours; one spell); Irani 2-1-1-0 (one spell). Umpress: H D Bird and D B Hair (Australie) Third umpline: A G T Whitehead Match referee: C W Smith (West Indies)

RSSULTS: Firm Test Endotsstom): From-

referee: C w Smith (West Indies)
RESULTS: First Test (Edgbaston); England won by eight wickers Test to come:
Third (Frent Bridge); July 3 to 9

Compiled by Bill Frindall

every part of the ground and embracing his partner, Chris Lewis. The crowd stood and Russell now needed to asroared their approval, for sume the principal role - not Russell is not only as faddish and fidgety as Thursday's hero. Dickie Bird, he is also SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S every bit as popular.

His only previous century 4-2-3-01, Kumble 28-9-60-0 (7 kaurs, 1-0-5-0, 9-2-23-0, 2-1-6-0, 5-4-6-0, 11-2-20-0), Ganguly 15-2-49-2 (nb 3; 4 fours; 6-1-20-2, 3-0-16-0, 5-1-13-0), Tendulkar 2-1-1-0 (one for England was made in his fifth Test, at Old Trafford against the 1989 Australians. SCORING NOTES: Second day: Lunch: 300-6 (108 overs, 473mm; Russell 105, Lows 19) Tea taken al close of innings. His average, however, is now pushing 30 and this was far V Rathore c Hussain b Cork (49min, 32 balls, 2 fours) N R Mongie Ibw b Lewis ... (123min, 95 balls, 3 fours) S C Ganguly not out (124min, 74 balls, 4 fours) S R Tendulikar not out (50min, 41 balls, 2 fours) Extras (b 1, nb 1) from being the first time that he has made runs with England in dire need.

Batting was not remotely as hazardous as it had been on Thursday but Srinath, in particular, still commanded constant respect. He is a bowler of deceptive speed, capable of generating disturbing lift from good length, and he beat Russell's outside edge several times as. perversely, the wicketkeeper dropped the tempo of his batting. Having reached his century in less than four hours, he spent more than two hours adding another 24, operating entirely

that he had been subservient

during the sixth-wicket stand

of 136. Rather, he had batted

from the outset with the posi-

tive intent that he consciously

banished during his strokeless and painful nought in the opening Test. Russell learned from that failure the folly of

reverting to introspection and.

here, to the delight of an

He can be unwatchable at

times but, when he leaves his

eccentricities in the dressing-room and adopts the attitude

that he will go out to hit the

ball, he is a capable and

endearing batsman. His foot-

work here was nimble and

active and there were times

when he made two, even three

Russell's century came with

a cut for two to third man and

he reacted with unforced eu-

phoria, leaping and punching the air, flourishing his bat to

movements down the pitch to

drive the seamers.

ardent crowd, he was a differ-

ent player.

Russell celebrates his second century for England with a leap and a punch at Lord's

admirably correct Lewis had vielded 83 when the bottom inexplicably fell out of the innings. The beneficiary of this dramatic shift of mood was Venkatesh Prasad, who took four for seven in 32 balls to complete a five-wicket return in only his second Test.

Prasad had bowled with great heart and skill for a day and a half but he did not need

to work very hard for these sudden riches. Lewis was well at third slip by Hussain, an caught behind, following a ball he might earlier have left alone, and both Dominic Cork and Peter Martin fell to expansive strokes. Russell, in danger of being abandoned, picked the wrong ball to assault and sliced a catch to mid-off.

When the inevitable Cork serious concern.

### running thin This Test series is run-ning along well-estab-lished lines in most respects, confirming what people already knew about the key India players. Tendulkar gave a marvellous exhibition of batting at Edgbaston, and may provide further delight today. Srinath has bowled splendidly, though not always luckily, Prasad has shown promise

Kumble finds

confidence

decent innings in Azharuddin. As for the bowler who was thought to be India's matchwinner: a penny for his thoughts. Anil Kumble took 105 wickets for Northamptonshire last year at 20 runs apiece. So far this summer, he has taken one England wicket, the formidable Min Patel, at a cost of 146 runs. Allowing for the undeniable fact that he has bowled on pitches that have helped the men who seam and swing the ball, Kumble has bowled poorly.

and there is, one hopes, a

GRAHAM CHADWICK ALLSPORT

The tour schedule, and the wet early-season weather, has affected him more than most. Had the Indians arrived in England yesterday, as the Pakistanis did, they would have harder pitches to play on, with the chance of finding the sort of wearing last-day surfaces that Kumble found so helpful last year, when he sustained Northamptonshire's championship chall-

Instead, he has been forced to bowl himself "in" with cold fingers on some fairly miserable days, and then struggled to find his best form. The batting failures of the side have brought additional pressure on the bowlers, so that he now appears a shadow of the wrist spinner that English batsmen remember, although it is not only in England that he has excelled. A Test record of 111 wickets at an average of 25 is the work of a very good bowler.

England's batsmen, believed to be vulnerable to leg spin because they encounter it rarely, have played him with comparative ease, or at least prior acquaintance. Kumble is not the kind of leg spinner Warne is or, before him. Qadir. He pushes it through **HENDERSON** 



prosper by playing through the line of the ball; in fact, treating him as they would a bowler who brings the ball back into them, rather than one who spins it away.

In his early overs at Edgbaston, the batsmen played him with something close to disdain. He was not able even to subdue them and, although he bowled tightly enough in England's first innings here, his inability to get men out is a serious worry to his self-esteem and to a captain who must manipulate

a thinnish bowling attack. Happily, India have found a bowler in Prasad. He was outstanding at times in the first Test, which was also his first Test, and he fully deserved the five wickets that he has taken so far in this match.

ord's, with its famous siope, is aiways a challdenge for the bowler who has never bowled there, and some of those who have bowled there for years never take to it. He was assisted by good catching. However frustrated Kum-

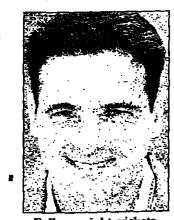
ble may feel at the moment, he can always look at the way that Russell has transformed his career in the past year from a distinctly unpromising position. Bowling, like batting and many other things. is largely about rhythm and confidence. Alas, those are qualities that India, set upon by opponents and upset by internal squabbles, have, at present not got

### Warwickshire found out in own back yard

By Ivo Tennant

EDGBASTON (second day of four): Warwickshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, require 228 runs to

THE county champions will do markedly well to avoid a second successive defeat today. Needing 286 to beat Kent on a pitch that is not up to the standard expected of a Test ground. Warwickshire lost two wickets and had another batsman, Andy Moles, ensconced in the physiotherapist's room after being hit on a thumb. In addition, the United Cricket Board of South Africa asked them - politely but firmly - not to overbowl



Ealham: eight wickets Shaun Pollock, their overseas

signing.

Batting was no bundle of laughs. Two bowlers. Ealham and Brown, returned careerbest figures on a day when only Llong made a half-centu-ry. When Warwickshire went in a second time. McCague swiftly had Smith taken in the slips and bowled Khan. Kent. should they win, will go to the top of the championship table

Pollock has now bowled 269 overs in seven championship matches this season, and that is too many for the liking of Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board. 1 shall be talking to Dennis Amiss about this," he told The Times. "I was given an assurance by Dermot Reeve last winter that Shaun would not be overbowled and I would like Warwickshire to keep to that, I am sure Shaun will be cutting down on his overs in

Amiss, having spoken to Bacher, said he would be talking to Reeve and Phil Neale, the director of coaching, about "getting the balance right". Pollock is bowling, on average 312 more overs an innings than Allan Donald did for Warwickshire last season. We do not want to wear Shaun out," Amiss emphasised. "We also feel he has been bowling too short of a length and he is working

with Allan to correct that." Pollock resorted to a shorter run at times yesterday, finishing with two wickets. Once again, Brown was Warwickshire's most effective bowler. taking six wickets for the first time after finishing with five the previous day. The pitch. which will not be reported by the umpires but which will be given a low marking, gave him considerable assistance.

Yet he deserved his wickets. Brown brought one in that bowled Ward and gained sufficient movement to have Cowdrey, Headley and Pres-ton caught behind or in the slips. For the second day running, he had Ealham held on the third-man boundary. Hooper was entired into swinging a short ball to long leg. All the while, Brown had to make do without Munton. who had a sore back, at the

This feat was exceeded only by Ealham, who moved the ball away from the bat, varying his pace as intelligently as ever, and finished with eight for 36. Having taken three first-innings wickets over-night, he had Brown caught at second slip - his figures were four for three at this stage then plucked out Penney's off stump and swiftly accounted

for the tail. He could yet play for England in Test cricket as well as in one-day internationals, in which he made his first appearances last month.

### Northamptonshire routed by Stephenson

in singles either side of lunch.

His partnership with an

BASINGSTOKE (third day of four): Hampshire (24pts) beat Northamptonshire (4) by an innings and 72 runs

JOHN STEPHENSON, the

Hampshire captain, exchanged a few sharp words with the groundsman when he first saw how much grass had been taken off the May's Bounty pitch, but he was not complaining too loudly last night after his side had completed only its second championship victory of the season. Despite the loss of more than half of the second day to rain, the match was all over

soon after tea on the third and questions are sure to be asked at Lord's about why a pitch that was supposed to last four deteriorated so days had

its original appearance had persuaded Hampshire to

leave out a seamer in order to play two spinners, but it did so much for the quicker bowlers that Udal was not asked to bowl until the fortieth over of Northamptonshire's second innings and Maru did not get a chance to turn his arm over

at all. Northamptonshire had already been reduced to 58 for six in their first innings when they resumed yesterday needing a further 187 to avoid the follow-on and, although they managed to double their score, they were still batting again before lunchtime.

That they held up Hampshire for so long was because Curran, dropped in the gully on one, chose attack as the best means of defence in the uneven, two-paced conditions. He reached 50 off 67 balls, hitting James over long-off for six and cracking eight fours before he became one of five victims for the aforementioned

Stephenson at a personal cost

Northamptonshire needed 247 to avoid an innings defeat and they could not have made a worse start. Montgomerie could not survive Connor's opening over for the second time in the match and bagged



Stephenson: happy ending

caught by Keech at third slip.

Bailey, the captain, opted for Curran's methods and left in some embarrassment when he tried to hit Bovill over the top and failed to clear Ste-phenson at mid-off, and Loye went for a duck when he pushed forward to Bovill and was caught behind. Stephenson's bounce ac-

counted for Warren, caught at slip, and Capel's attempt to hit his way out of trouble resulted in a catch to second slip off James. He had struck a couple of damaging blows, the most serious of which hit Laney at short leg on the larynx and sent the youngster to hospital for a check-up.

at third slip by Hussain, an Indian decline loomed in the

evening sunshine. But

Mongia, a makeshift opener.

performed with credit for two

hours before umpire Bird

adjudged him leg-before to

Lewis, whereupon Tendulkar

and the debutant, Ganguly,

saw out the day without

It was left to Curran once more to put a brave face on Northamptonshire's plight and he did his best by going within one run of his second half-century before James had him leg-before. Penberthy

frantic 30, but Connor trapped him leg-before. Udal eventually got into the act by having Roberts caught off bat and pad, and Stephenson fittingly finished things off by having Taylor caught at second slip. All of which left Northamp-

tonshire with the remarkable record of 13 wins in 13 one-day games this season but four defeats in seven championship matches without a victory. Bailey was right to point out that losing the toss on what he condemned as "a club wicket" had been decisive, but he was honest enough to admit that his players had not applied themselves as well as they should have done.

That did not just apply to the batsmen. The bowlers, too. had much to answer for. Well as Robin Smith played for his 179, they should never have allowed Hampshire to make

### double trouble for Yorkshire matter of 532 to avoid the

Whitaker is

follow-on against Leicestershire at Bradford, could bat for all of the third day and still not reach their target (Geoffrey Wheeler writes). Leicestershire did not de-

clare until they had reached 681 for seven — the highest total recorded against Yorkshire and only 20 short of the Leicestershire county record - with James Whitaker scoring 218, including two sixes and 26 fours. His was the second double century of the innings - Vince Wells having hit 200 on the first day - the first double double in county cricket since 1993, when Glamorgan's Vivian Richards and Adrian Dale passed 200 against Middlesex, and finished on the losing side.

The Yorkshire openers Martyn Moxon and Michael Vaughan, both failed to score, but Michael Bevan took up the challenge and was 52 not out when the championship leaders closed at 142 for four.

Mark Butcher, the Surrey opening batsman many believe will emulate his father, Alan, by winning an England cap, scored 160 against Durham at Stockton. It was his third century in his past four innings and helped Surrey to overhaul Durham's 377 for the loss of four wickets. Despite a sluggish pitch, Butcher needed only 125 balls for his hundred and hit 29 fours. Darren Bicknell, completely overshadowed by him in an opening partnership of 245, found the going so tough that his 106 occupied over 612 hours.

Two young pace bowlers took the individual honours at Derby and Hove. Lancashire-born Andrew Harris, who will be 23 next week, finished with six for 43 as Middlesex were bowled out for 165 by Derbyshire and after the blank first day in the match between Sussex and Glamorgan, Jason Lewry, the home county's promising leftarmer, made up for lost time by returning six for 44 Glamorgan were dismissed for 133. A brisk 78 by Alan Wells then took Sussex into the lead.

### Somerset tap into rich seam with Australian connection

BATH (third day of four): Worcestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, require 402 runs to beat

SOMERSET have been well served in the past by Australians, from Sammy Woods through Colin McCool, Bill Alley and Greg Chappell to Steve Waugh, but Shane Lee, their latest acquisition, looks, at the age of 22, like being a good one, fit to rank with the

Lee exhibited class and maturity in scoring a career-best 167 not out yesterday and in the process shared an unbroken partnership of 278 in 69 overs with Rob Turner, whose own century signalled Somerset's declaration, leaving Worcestershire the small matter of 446 for victory. As they came together at 98 for six, their stand was forged in testing circumstances.
With neat symmetry, the stand was

the highest for Somerset's seventh wicket and Woods had had a hand in the previous record, which was one of the oldest surviving records in the county game. Woods and Vernon Hill put on 240 against Kent 98 years ago. Lee has played a handful of one-day internationals but no Test cricket but he clearly has the capacity to compile a long innings. The way he took Somerset from precariousness to prosperity.

without giving a chance and never

letting the bowlers dictate, was impressive. Lee began his career as a fast bowler

but his bowling is now his "weak link". Nevertheless, as he showed on Thursday, he is capable of taking useful wickets and when Waugh retires Australia should have a ready-made replacement. He models himself on Waugh, Like Waugh, he has a liking for eye-catching averages in England: in nine championship innings he has scored two centuries and five halfcenturies, and averages 113.16.

Neither he nor Turner gave a chance

and Worcestershire, having raised their hopes by claiming the wickets of Trescothick, Holloway and Hayhurst before lunch, were given a fruitless and frustrating afternoon.

They bowled with less discipline than in the first innings on a pitch which was more benign. Illingworth, so successful earlier, was forced to conclude bowling over the wicket and down the leg-side, and helped to delay the declaration until an hour from

Lee faced 227 balls and struck 25 fours and a six. Turner could not rival his partner's strokeplay but nevertheless played a vital role. He struck 14 fours and one six in completing the fourth century of his career. It was not a bad day for West Country

### Cairns lays foundations for Gloucestershire downfall

By JACK BAILEY

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Gloucestershire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 238 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Nottinghamshire

A DAY that began badly for Gloucestershire, with the return home of Richard Davies, because of a family bereavement, became steadily worse as time went by. First, Nottinghamshire added a further 128 runs for their last five wickets. Chris Cairns moving on to his first century of the season. Then, Gloucestershire, facing a total of 460, batted for the most part as though they were millionaires on an afternoon outing rather than a struggling side with their backs to the wall.

Not until Mike Smith displayed inherent Yorkshire graft and grit in a rearguard action which brought him a career-best undefeated 55, did the prodigal nature of their batting end and common sense take over. By then, though, chances of saving the followon had disappeared. Trent Bridge was not exactly abuzz with talk of the Glorious Gloucesters.

More to the point, however, was the prospect of Nottinghamshire winning their first county championship match in 13 attempts. Certainly, they have made all the running in this match so far and yesterday saw their New Zealand all-rounder, Chris Cairns,

contribute mightily to the cause. He added a further 34 runs to his overnight 80, reaching his century from 142 balls while hitting three sixes and eleven fours. It was the outcome of some excellent driving. No shot was better than the back-foot force off

Lewis, which brought him his 100. Cairns then set Gloucestershire further on the road to ruin by removing Wright without a run on the board. He also dispatched Trainor in his opening spell, and when Bowen added the wicket of Hancock to his useful batting earlier in the day, Gloucestershire

were 36 for three and on the slide. Cunliffe and Symonds both showed that the scoring of runs was by no means impossible. But it was too frenetic - Symonds scored his halfcentury from 43 balls. Both fell victim to stumpings by the Australian-born Lindsay Walker, who seized his chances as Cunliffe advanced against the first ball bowled by Bates, and, not to be outdone, Symonds was even further down the pitch when the Bates-

Walker combination struck again. Both Bates and Afford achieved some turn, but not enough to deter anyone determined to stay there. By the time Smith entered the fray to demonstrate just that. Walker had participated in the fall of six of the first seven wickets, as Gloucestershire followed on 270 behind.



**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

### Baitieri prepares to unhitch the French connection

THE ailing Paris Saint-Germain side will attempt to give Tas Baitieri, the Australian who has been the driving force behind the Paris set-up, a fitting adieu in the home game

against Warrington tonight.

After 16 years as a player and coach at club and international level in France, and latterly as chief executive of the new Paris outfit Baitieri is the new Paris outfit, Baitieri is returning home to the Australian Rugby League (ARL). He will leave behind a side struggling to make headway among the elite of the Stones Super League, but with his desire to see a French team in regular competition with Eng-lish sides just about intact. The ARL has recalled him at

a difficult time. There was no happier or more emotional figure than Baitieri on the night of the historic Paris victory over Sheffield Eagles. 12 weeks ago, when the Super League was born at the Charlety Stadium. The downs have far outnumbered the ups since, however.

Relegation haunts Paris. They are one place off the bottom of the table and Baitieri is fearful of its

"It would be a major catastrophe and a boon for people in rugby union who are longing to see our downfall and are doing all they can to put obstacles in our path," he said yesterday.

Rugby union has poached two forwards, Greg Kacala and Darren Adams, but received a non from Pierre Chamorin, the Paris captain. The ruinous crossover of the French domestic season with the Super League left players drained by playing two or three games a week, while commuting from the south the heartland of rugby league in France — has added to the pressures and increased speculation about a relocation of the club to Toulouse next

Baitieri wants the club to stay in Paris, where it can sustain a reasonably high profile, but his criticisms of the

lack of time — eight months — that Paris was given to get off the ground raises questions about the possible "fast-tracking" to the Super League of other teams in France, Spain and Italy.

"When new teams are accepted into the competition in Australia, they are given three years' notice in which to organise all the many aspects involved in building a new club," he said. "All that has been lacking here mainly because Paris has been fasttracked. We need to re-evaluate and reassess to make sure Paris does succeed.

The Rugby Football League, anxious about Paris's plight after eight successive defeats, has seconded John Kear to drill the team, but the coaching executive will have his work cut out in preparing for



Baitieri: going home

the visit of Warrington, who beat them 48-24 in April.

Leeds, a place above Paris, can expect no favours from Castleford Tigers in their derby match at Headingley to-night. Castleford, who enjoyed their best win last Sunday, at the expense of Bradford Bulls, are seeking a league double over a Leeds side that has won only once at home.

Dean Bell, the Leeds coach, described his players as their own worst enemies. "It's not so much opposition beating us as much as us beating our-selves," he said. "If we can show better ball control and pick up on our defence, then we should be able to dictate things on the field."

Bradford entertain Sheffield tomorrow, amid speculation about a move back to Australia by Brian Smith, their coach and chief executive. Smith is contracted at Odsal until the end of next season, but the repeat of his earlier successes in taking unfashionable sides and moulding them into winning ones has put a premium on his services.

Smith has insisted that his job at Bradford is far from done and, in the wake of reports of a £250,000 offer to lure him to Parramatta, Chris Caisley, the Bradford chairman, said: "He told me of the interest some weeks ago, but we haven't had an official approach from Parramatta. In the end, it will come down to how he feels."

London Broncos, after their defeat by Halifax Blue Sox. will want to work out their frustrations on bottom-placed Workington, whom they beat 58-0 two months ago. How-ever, they have several injury worries, notably Duncan McRae (foot stress fracture). and late decisions will be taken on Greg Barwick (ham-string), Terry Matterson (call) and Peter Gill (rib).

in the battle for the one promotion place in the first division, Salford must win at Widnes to preserve their threepoint advantage over Keighley



Barry Stewart, the new Scotland prop forward, shows determination as he tones up in a late training session before making his debut in the second international match of the tour, against New Zealand, in Auckland. Photograph: David Rogers/Allsport

#### **RUGBY UNION**

### Wales face daunting task

JONATHAN HUMPHREYS, the Wales captain, was in confident mood on the eve of the team's second international match against Australia, in Sydney, and was sure that his players were in the right frame of mind to try to level the two-match series. "We are out here to win -

that is the only thought that will be running though the players' minds when they run out," Humphreys, the Cardiff hooker, said. "I would like to see us being in a position where we enter the last 20 minutes and be in with a real shout of winning."

Australia, 56-25 winners over Wales in Brisbane in the first match, are sure that they will make it five in a row against Wales. "If we play to our full ability we should win." John Eales, the captain who plays at lock, said. "We have worked on our lineout and kick-offs, though we want to cut down on mistakes."

The worry must be that Australia will be even more potent, while the touring team, who have won only three out of seven matches so far, will be without Leigh Davies. at centre, and Gwyn Jones, on the flank, because of injury.

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The call-up of Andrew Gibbs on the blind side has meant the revamping of the back row. Hemi Taylor switching to No 8 and Steve Williams to the open side. That trio, in particular, are going to have to tackle long and hard. Wales made more than 200 tackles in the first international and still let in seven tries.

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ATHLETICS

### Johnson bent on sticking to his contract

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN ATLANTA

THE well-worn question of Michael Johnson's running posture came up again here after he had narrowly failed. for the second time, to break the 400 metres world record. Though tired of answering it. Johnson was tolerant in his reply. "Same answer for the past six years to the same question I have been asked for the past six years," he said. "Still a good question, though."

Johnson, who won the United States Olympic trial in 43.44sec, explained that his distinct, upright style, rather than a drawback, was a benefit. "I am more on top of myself and more in control, which helps me to be a good curve runner," Johnson said. He was less expansive on his manager's posture.
Brad Hunt, Johnson's

agent, is refusing to budge from his confrontational position over the strange refusal to let his athlete run in the 400 metres at the London grand prix meeting on July 12. What did Johnson make of the issue? "I expect to be racing there because I have a contract," Johnson said. Next question. Johnson is not quite right. He does not have a contract, only a written agreement. according to Hunt. Neverthe-less. Hunt said that he would

be consulting a leading London barrister with a view to persuading the British Ath-letic Federation (BAF) that it should adhere to it. Furthermore, Hunt is talking of an approach to the International Amateur Athlet-

ic Federation for help in resolving the impasse, though it is difficult to see what it can do given that grand prix rules do not give the best athletes automatic rights to participation, but leave invitations to the discretion of meeting promoters. The BAF wants Johnson in the 200 metres or not at

It is not merely absurd but disloyal to the Crystal Palace ticket-buying public to prevent the athlete most likely to steal the show at the Olympic Games next month from running the 400 metres, when he

is keen to do so and when he says that he believes he could take the world record at any time. Furthermore, after Roger Black's British record last weekend, and with Du'aine Ladejo, Iwan Thomas and Jamie Baulch running splendidly just behind him, what better than these four on track with Johnson to bring in the spectators?

Has the BAF become complacent already after a capacity crowd last Sunday lifted the sport's spirits in the wake of



Johnson: phlegmatic

miserable attendance figures last year? One wonders, also, what ITV, whose contract expires this year - and with a new one not yet signed might make of it.

Neither Black nor Ladejo objects to facing Johnson. Malcolm Arnold, the BAF's head coach, said that the block on the American was nothing to do with him, and it is understood that Ian Stewart, the federation's meeting promoter, was in favour of Johnson racing over a lap, though yesterday he said that he was taking responsibility for the change.

Hunt wants to know where the decision came from. He has tried to contact Peter Radford, the BAF's executive chairman, this week to ask, but was told that he was on holiday. He is threatening. should he lose una occurs in see that Johnson never runs in

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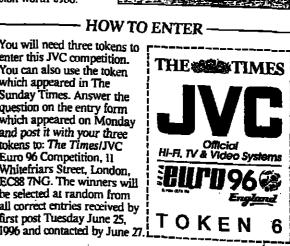
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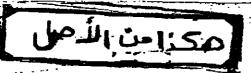
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## ticking Holland pin contract hopes on Kluivert's recovery

By David Maddock

ON THE still-developing shoulders of Patrick Kluivert will rest Dutch hopes of rebuilding a nation's shattered self-esteem today. Even for the prodigiously talented Ajax forward, it is no easy task

Holland's 4-1 defeat by England was described even by the wary Aimé Jacquet, the coach of their opponents at Antield this evening, France, as a "humiliation". Confidence obliterated, Holland are riven by rumours of division

and disharmony. Kluivert, 19, only a frustrated substitute during much of the group skirmishes, will be recalled, according to the lat-est information from the Holland camp. To him fails the onerous task of blocking the widening breach in a once impressive dam. At least he

feels fit for the job. The teenager has suffered a cruciate ligament problem, and only resumed competitive play in the European Cup final after three months of recuperation. He is, he says, raring to

go.
"I am confident I can play 90 minutes, if selected," he said. "I feel fit, and I want to play. I will find out in the morning if I am in the side. I admit I was unhappy to be left out of the team for the game against England, but the important thing is the team."

Brought belatedly into the fray against England, he scored the goal that dragged a hattered Holland through to the quarter-finals. Kluivert,

the Dutch team? Kluivert is a close friend of Edgar Davids. the midfield player who was sent home in disgrace for complaining after being dropped. His departure sparked ugly rumours of racial disharmony within the multi-ethnic party. Kluivert dismisses them. "I have yet to speak to Edgar, because the time is not yet right," he said, but here are no divisions here. We are all playing for the team, and we are all playing in

the same direction."
Kluivert's introduction will allow Bergkamp to switch to his favoured withdrawn role. and he will certainly offer a more potent scoring threat against France. He does not. however, want to be regarded as the simple answer to a forbidding problem. "I am not a saviour," he said. "I am proud of my goal against England but it was for the

"I have happy memories of Anfield, but Ireland was a long time ago, and if we are to repeat that performance it is not down to one man."

Kluivert will have the severest test of his figness if he returns. He will compete against Marcel Desailly, the France defender considered by some as the best in the world. He tamed the fire-breathing Stoichkov to qualify his country for the quarter-final, and it is his presence that has done much to promote France to the ranks of favourites.

Desailly cautioned against over-confidence, but admitted that there is a growing sense of worth in the young France worth in the young France side. "We are getting stronger by the game, but the Dutch are wounded," he said. "They will feel England was an illusion, and still feel they are a great team. We know it will

too, conjured the two magical goals that dismissed Ireland at Anfield in a play-off in December.

The goalscoring pedigree is there, then, but is the will in Too Conjury (Bordeaux). The goalscoring pedigree is the conjury of the conjury (Bordeaux). The goalscoring pedigree is the conjury of the conjury (Bordeaux). The goalscoring pedigree is the conjury of the conjury (Bordeaux). The goalscoring pedigree is the conjury of the conjury (Bordeaux). The conjury (Bordeaux). The conjury (Bordeaux).

### Caminero defies presidential campaign



Caminero commences the ritual shirt-stretching celebration of his goal against France that kept alive Spain's hopes of qualifying from Group B

osé Luis Caminero no doubt left the telephone off the hook at his St Albans hotel room last night. On the eve of one of the most important matches in his career, he would not want to be disturbed, as he has been on most other evenings during the European championship

The caller tormenting the Spain midfield player for the past two weeks has been Jesus Gil, the president of Atlético Madrid. his club. The conversation has taken a predictable line. Gil is rather keen to retain him for the Spanish champions: Caminero, it seems, is even keener to leave.

The result is stalemate, and a fragile state of mind for a player carrying many of Spain's championship hopes. It is an unfortunate situation that has infuriated Javier Clemente, the Spain coach, and no doubt delights his opposite number today, Terry Vena-

The England coach is meticulous when it comes to researching the opposition, and there is little doubt that he will have identified Caminero as the greatest danger to his side's prospects of reaching the semi-finals. In a team of functionaries, Caminero provides the silver service.

David Maddock on the trials and tribulations

of a player finding himself in growing demand

Caminero led Atlético to the domestic double of league and cup last season, and in doing so breached the dominance of Real Madrid and Barcelona. Now he is experiencing the eccentric side of Gil's nature, and he is not happy. He has mouned to anvone who will listen that he wants to leave and that attitude, ultimately.

cost him his place in the Spain team. Clemente, angered by domestic trivialities during an important nat-ional mission, threatened to drop Caminero, rated at £5 million in the transfer market, if he continued to sulk. He did, and he was left out of the final Group B game against Roma-nia even though he had scored the late equaliser against France in the previous game that, effectively, kept Spain in the tournament.

Chastened, and after agreeing to ignore his personal problems, Caminero is set to return against England, and it is a contest in which he can reverse his recent misfortunes. He cannot, however, resist dropping hints about his problems.

"I am unhappy because of my family," he said. "It is for family reasons that I want to leave Madrid, not for myself. It is true that I have had problems, but I am hoping that

soon they will be behind me.
"I have spoken with the coach and I have assured him that I am concentrating solely on the nation's cause. I hope to be playing against England, I would like so much to play at Wembley. It is a venue where I believe I can justify myself." It is true that Caminero is a player

with the ability, and instinct, to grace Wembley — as the goal against France proved. What may be in doubt his temperament. Many English observers were openly disgusted by the 28-year-old's histrionics against

The purists in the audience thought he stopped little short of cheating, and even the more cynical were astonished by his blatant acrobatics, an aspect of his play that will concern England. Caminero is oblivious to such charges, preferring to portray himself his back on Jesus.

as sinned-against rather than sinner. His aim, he said, was to dazzle the English with his undoubted skills. "I would like to nlav very much in

"I would like to play very much in this game," he said. "Maybe I have something to show everyone, that I am a player. It is a fitting stage for me to reproduce my form. I scored against France, and I think I can score

against France, and r timing the said.

He frequently operates as a deeplying centre forward, coming from deep to catch defences napping. He likes playing against English defences because they also flat provide fences, because they play flat, provid-ing him with perfect fodder. Caminero is confident, despite the sobering hand of Clemente, and he is undaunted by the task awaiting at Wembley.
"If I did not think that we had a

chance of victory against England, I would turn my back and walk away," he said. "But we can win. We were amongst the favourites for the tournament at the start, and I believe we still are. We are still ahead of England."

Caminero is likely to return in favour of Amavisca, and he is hoping to attract Italian interest with his performance. A stauch Catholic and family man, he is still prepared to turn

He used to get so frustrated if he wasn't scoring he would bang his head on the door.

Davor [Suker] doesn't do

### Disarming **Czechs** are ready to turn on the power

By Kevin McCarra

THE Czech Republic's three trips to the Golden Mile in Blackpool have been a demonstration of a passion for recreation, but the marksmanship of this squad suggests that they might also have cleared any funfair shooting gallety of its prizes. The team, which meets Portugal in the quarter-final at Villa Park tomorrow, has brought a re-

laxed accuracy to Euro 96.
In addition to scoring three goals in the draw with Russia that saw them qualify from Group C, the Czechs also hit the woodwork four times. Pavel Nedved, one of their scorers against Italy, is suspended tomorrow, but, so far, the side has not been prone to the inhibiting anxiety of the nations who carry greater expectations. The players have been the same before every game." Dusan Uhrin,

the manager, said.

These are footballers who seem to have decided that their ambassadorial duties involve reminding the world of the place of beer in Czech culture. The convivial manner, however, also doubles as a defect. A lack of rigour was most apparent when they swiftly yielded a 2-0 lead to Russia, whose first goal came when Patrik Berger, the gifted midfield player, did not mark Alexander Mostovoi.

"Berger must take more

Uefa has turned down Russia's appeal against a threegame ban imposed on the defender, Yuri Kovtun. who was sent off for a foul in the Germany game. He will miss their first two World Cup qualifying matches.

care with his defensive work."
Uhrin said. He is not the only one. The Czech Republic, with six goals conceded in three matches, have the second worst defensive record in the championship. The return from suspension of Miroslav Kadlec, a veteran of the 1990 World Cup, may strengthen resistance at the back.

Uhrin trusts that his side is still evolving and said of his opponents: "Portugal do not change their line-up, because they have no better players." Antonio Oliveira's team.

though, is content with that kind of predictability. Ritual compliments of the Czech Republic were offered, but Paulo Sousa, an urgent presence at the heart of the team, also insisted on Portugal's superiority.

"It will be a battle in

midfield because they are very strong there," he said, "but we are more creative. That is our main weapon." Even so, the elaborate Portuguese approach play can, at its worst, be an exercise in futility. permitting opponents time to arrange their defences, and Croatia, against whom they scored three goals, were weakened by the introduction of half-a-dozen understudies.

Should the quarter-final reach extra-time, where the scorers of the first goal are the winners, the Czechs, with their readiness to let fly, will be menacing indeed.

### Vogts banks on German efficiency against dark horses

OLD Trafford is used to staging the match of the day in winter. Tomorrow it may do so in summer, too, when Germany, the favourites, meet Croatia, the dark horses, in the European championship quarter-finals, the winners going on to Wembley to meet the winners of the England

game in the semi-finals.

Miroslav Blazevic, the Croatia coach, made great play before the final group matches of wanting to meet Germany

rather than Italy. Berti Vogts. the Germany coach, is much more circumspect, insisting: "Croatia are the secret favourites for the championship." His admission that he knows very little about the

about them now, with Ger-

Croatia team perhaps ex-plains the word "secret". Yet if Vogts knows little

·man thoroughness it is a safe bet that, by tomorrow, he will know all he needs to know. Eric Rotemöller, one of the coaching staff, has watched each Croatia game and Vogts

and Rainer Bonhof studied a video of Croatia against Den-mark. Suker, Boksic and Boban will be known quanti-ties to their markers by the time the teams kick off. Who those markers will be

remains an open question, however, with the Germany defence in some disarray. Helmer, whom Vogts described as the "tower of strength" against Italy, conlessed yesterday that he could hardly walk after the game and, although his leg is getting better, it is doing so slowly. We have wonderful physio-

therapists," he said, "and they made me fit to play Italy. Maybe they will do so for

sceptical."
Babbel returns from his one-game suspension, but with Reuter only jogging yesterday and Struntz suspended, the loss of Helmer would be a significant blow to Germany. They are, however, refusing to make excuses.

What remains to be seen is how good a team they are, the performance against Italy having dented their self-confidence. Vogts has tried to get them to play a more attacking game, and a "pressing" game in the style of the old Liverpool or AC Milan; to their surprise, Italy showed them how it should be done.

system over the past 18 months," Jürgen Klinsmann said yesterday. "The Italians demonstrated it to total perfection, but we will get

In spells against the Czech Republic and Russia, they did so effectively. They will need Thomas Hässler to take some of the creative weight off Andy Möller and Sammer to rediscover the excellence of his previous games, but, if they can do so tomorrow, they should prove too strong for Croatia.

With Boban pulling the strings, Boksic expected to return and Suker revealing

sublime skills as a striker, it will not be easy, and the performances of the opposing strikers. Suker and Klinsmann, should be fascinating and could be decisive.

There is no disguising Klinsmann's determination behind the easy charm, which was apparent when he was a teenager at VfB Stuttgart under Otto Baric, now a member of the Croatia coaching staff. "Jürgen used to stay behind and work for hours on his strengths," Baric recalled. "He is a goalscoring machine.

GERMANY (probable, 1-2-5-2): A Köpke feintrach Franklung — M Semmer (Borussia Dotrmund) — M Bebbel (Bayern Munch), D Eltis (Werder Bremen) — S Reuter (Borussia Dotrmund), T Hässier (Roftsruhe). S Fraund (Borussia Dotrmund), A Möller (Borussia Dotrmund), Calege (Beyern Munch) — J Klinemann (Bayern Munch). — D Betholf (Udinese). (CACATA (probable, 3-5-2): D Ladic (Crostia Zagreb) — I Stimac (Derby County), N Jerkan (Real Ovedo), S Billic (Mest Nam United) — A Asanovic Pledijuk Spiti), F Prosinecki (Bercelore), Z Boban (Ac Alkan), M Stanie (Cuto Bruges), R Jamii (Real Botts) — A Boksic (Juveritus), D Suker (Sevilla).



### Walker steps out on return journey to Carrow Road

By Our Sports Staff

MIKE WALKER was reappointed manager of Norwich City yesterday, 212 years after a departure from Carrow Road for Everton that left the Norfolk air rancid with accu-sations of skulduggery and bad faith. He replaces Gary Megson, who took charge of

the team only at Christmas. Walker's return will, never-theless, be welcomed by Norwich supporters who remember his successes in leading the club to some of its greatest achievements — including beating Bayern Munich in the

Uefa Cup in 1993.
The former Colchester goalkeeper left the club in January 1994 when he believed it was impossible to work any longer with the chairman, Robert Chase, one of the most controversial figures in the game, who ran the club with an iron fist until overwhelming pressure from supporters persuaded him to stand down earlier

Thousands of Walker's followers wanted him to return to the club after his 12-month spell on Merseyside ended in ignominious dismissal. However, when asked whether he would go back to Carrow Road, Walker said: "I love the club, but while the present chairman is still there. I don't think it's a realistic possibility." He has since pursued a number of business interests after being frustrated in his attempts to get back into football, most notably with Leicester City and the Wales

His arrival at Everton was shrouded in controversy after



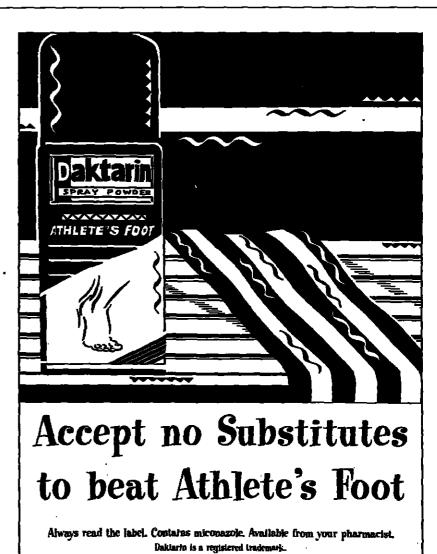
Walker: reappointed

Chase accused him of listening to offers from other clubs without his consent, contrary to Football Association (FA) rules. Everton denied any improper approaches but an FA inquiry later fined Everton heavily for the way in which they went about attracting Walker.

No such animosity will surround the latest arrival at Goodison Park. Gary Speed. the 26-year-old Wales international, signed a five-year con-tract with the club after leaving Leeds United in a £3.5million deal.

Speed can now realise his ambition of becoming a Goodison Park favourite. "This was always my club," he said. "I used to come across from North Wales to watch them play from around the age of 12."

Mick Wadsworth, the former director of coaching at Carlisle United, has been appointed manager of of Scarborough, of the third division. The former Scunthorpe United player guided Carlisle to the third-division title in





The lingering bitterness that the England players feel about their treatment by the media over their behaviour on the Cathay Pacific flight home from Hong Kong and in the alter-math of their opening draw with Switzerland two weeks ago is still coming to the fore at Bisham Abbey on a regular basis.
This week Paul Gascoigne told officials: "Even if I score
a hat-trick in the final, I'm never talking to those \*\*\*\*s again." On Wednesday, Teddy Sheringham said that there were plenty of highs and lows in football and "most of the lows are caused by you guys". Yesterday, it was the turn of Alan Shearer. "I suppose I am relieved about all these goals I'm

days.

Sheringham, an intelligent man just as he is an intelligent footballer, is nevertheless one of the many dinosaurs in football when it comes to public relations and the eurhority part is never up here. England's win over Holland on Tuesday night, he was ushered in front of a microphone with Shearer. "I hope you all realise that we have not been to the changing-rooms yet,"

scoring," he said, "It might get you lot off my back for a few

The exceptions to this attitude are rare but appreciated Jamie Redknapp is amiable and bright, David Seaman helptul and full of insight, David Platt courteous and straight-forward, Tony Adams blunt. Gary Neville just about takes the prize for approachability and lack of affectation, but even he has his worries, "He's petrifled of you lot," Adams sald. CAUTIONS: Ince (2), Adams, G Neville, Shearer, Sheringham, Southgate



#### **GERMANY**

There is a famous story of the late Bill Shankly being bored on holiday in Cyprus and getting up a team to play the waiters. To Shankly's great satisfaction, they won. Alex Ferguson will have less happy memories of the day when he played for Mottram Hall's staff team against the German FA team. The German team did not include their coaches, although karl-Heinz Riummenioge played, and scored the final goal in a 6-1 victory. To add to Ferguson's discomfort, Mottram Hall were wearing Manchester United shirts.

Mehmet Scholl, the team joker, has been one of only two

players not to have taken part so far, but, with worries about Hässler, he might be involved tomorrow. Yesterday, he and the injured Helmer were the two players who accompanied Klinsmann to the press conference. Inevitably, he was asked about his trustrations and unhappiness at not playing. Finally, he conceded that he had talked to Berti Vogts about his position.

"He told me my time will come," he said, adding wryty
"the fact that I'm here could be an indication that it has come and my three weeks as the man who takes care of team morale will be over and I will become an active footballer. Injured players apart, the team's recovery after games has been a concern to their medical staff and, after having Thursday and yesterday morning off, they went to Macclesfield yesterday teatime for their last session there.

CALTIONS: Babbel (2), Reuter, Hässler, Möller, Kuntz, Ziege, Bierhoff DISMISSAL: Strunz

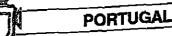


Bring on the gendames. The British police may be the best in the world, but not as far as the France squad is concerned. Plans to cut down on tiresome travel for Aime Jacquel's players went well yesterday, until they were delivered into the apparently sale hands of Her Majesty's Constabu-

France flew from Newcastle to their new hotel in Bolton to avoid a lengthy coach journey. Everything went according to plan, leaving only a 20-minute bus ride from the hotel to the Anfield pitch where they will play Holland today. Two hours later and the police outrider, a routefinding master, had somehow guided them into the middle of the Pennine mountain range, not a few miles away from Liverpool. Jacquet was less than amused.

One France player who may be asking an English policeman for directions in the near future is Frank Leboeuf. the central defender. He is the subject of a £2.5 million bid from Chelsea, and he is attracted by the idea. "I would like to play in England, I am a very good friend of David Ginola, and he has said very many good things [about Premiership

French clubs are also vying for Leboeut's signature. Marseilles have expressed an interest in the Strasbourg player, but a spokesman for the newly-promoted club said yesterday:
"We understand that Leboeuf would rather play alongside Gullit and Vialli "No surprise there. CAUTIONS: di Meco, Blanc, Karembeu, Djorkaeff, Desailly, Dugarry



Portugal have one of the smallest press corps at the championships — and one of the most polite, which certainly does nothing for the comparison to Brazil. Their politeness does not seem to be rewarding. They are not allowed to quote anothing that Antonio Oficeira, the coach, says to them outanything that Antonio Oliveira, the coach, says to them outside the official press conferences and, unlike the Germans, who regularly send three players to press conferences, the players rarely attend

Fernando Couto followed the example of Vitor Bara, his captain, and declined a request for an interview from some English journalists this week, leaving Jorge Cadete to con-fide to a couple of Scottish journalists that Couto "probably hadn't made his mind up" about joining Rangers.

As well as a small press corps, Portugal may have the smallest support among the quarter-finalists, unless there is a late run on lickels for the match with the Czech Republic at villa Park tomorrow. They were unable, yesterday, to confirm the number of tickets that their supporters had bought, but, where Germany had had advance orders for 4,500 of their 7,000 allocation, Portugal's advance sales were around 800, according to German officials. Perhaps that reflects national

The players' bonuses, though, are not tied to ticket sales, but to results. They will get \$\$4,000 (£35,000) each if they reach the semi-finals; a figure that will double if they get to the final itself.

CAUTIONS Pautinho Santos (2), Oceano, Sa Pinto, João Pinto, Paulo Sousa, Figo, Tavares

#### **SPAIN**

This information service does not want to take any undue credit, but we did warn you about Javier Clemente. The Spain credit, but we did warm you about Javier Clemente. The Spain coach is not regarded for his subtlety or sensitivity of comment, as noted when he called Stoichkov a cheat, and tambasted his own players for being wimps. Well, he has gone one step further before the game against England. Speaking in El Mundo, he suggested that his side would be up against alarming odds at Wembley today. Or, in the less delicate way he put it: "There will be 2,000 of us against 70,000 drunks." Perhaps wisely, Clemente withdrew the comment when confronted by howling English journalists, but still remained true to his cantankerous self.

"If England win the tournament in their own stadium.

"If England win the tournament in their own stadium, then history will show they have not achieved much," he said, when asked to analyse the host nation's performances so far. Julio Salinas, the Spain forward, also added to the stimulating political debate between the nations. "If they

beat us, then they should give us Gibraltar back," he said. Clemente also had a novel reason for why there will be

CAUTIONS: Carminero, Sergi, Arnor, Abelardo, Luís Enrique, Amavisca, Otero, Kiko, Nadal

CROATIA

Many observers immediately questioned the wisdom of Miroslav Blazevic, the Croatia coach, when he stated, before

mirosav biazevic, the croatial coact, when he stated, before the final group matches, that he would like his side to play against Germany, the Euro 96 favourites, in the quarter-finals. Even Otto Baric, his assistant, begged to differ. Blazevic felt that the cold, calculating approach of the Germans would suit his players' more flamboyant, devil-may-care style and that Berti Vogts, his counterpart, would find it difficult to counter tactically the fluent and innovative talents of Bobbs.

Boban, Prosinecki, Suker and Boksic. For Blazevic, 61, it was an observation also bome of entimentality, of a long-standing admiration for Germany's

national teams past and present. Tomorrow, at Old Trafford, he finally gets his wish.

"I'm both pleased and proud to be playing them,"
Blazevic said yesterday. "Since I was a little boy, I have always followed their progress. It is the team I identified with, I always looked upon them as something special. Even when they played against the beautiful and romantic team of Hungary.

margins - 5-1 (twice) and 2-0. Win or lose tomorrow, though, Germany will have made an old man very happy. CAUTIONS: Asanovic, Boban, Soldo, Stanic, Prosinecio, Vlaovic, Pamic, Jami, Pavlicic AK



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#### HOLLAND

Holland, who will try to slay apparently invincible France at Artield this evening, have retained their sense of humour. Just. By yesterday, Richard Witschge, the former Bordeaux mideld player, had concocted a novel excuse for the haunting 4-1 collapse against England at Wembley four days ago.
"It is simple," he said. "We always wanted to play in

Liverpool and we have got our wish. When we best Ireland in the play-off to reach the finals, it was at Anfield. We like the place, it is a nice stadium to play at. We want to go back, that s why we lost to England.

His smile betrayed any hint of plausibility . . . but it was then time to get serious "Every learn is entitled to have a bad day and, for us, it was Tuesday," he said. "Perhaps it is the best thing that could have happened. It will at least keep our eet on the ground."

Witschge, who returns to Ajax after the tournament, revealed that the players had subsequently held a meeting to at-tempt to discover the real reason behind such an abject display. Though he declined to disclose any details. Dennis Bergkamp, the Arsenal striker, was slightly more

torthcoming.
"Some people have said that we will be better against the French because our problems will inspire us," he said. "but we had problems before the England game and we didn't play too well against them, did we? At least, now, I think our noses are pointing in the same direction." Come tonight, possibly straight back to Amsterdam CAUTIONS: Witschge, Taument, Seedorf, Winter, Blind, Bergkamp, RK

#### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

They are quick off the mark, these Czechs. Having naively decided that they could meet the media at midnight after their draw with Russia — and then realising that the ensuing party atmosphere did not provide the ideal backdrop to give quotes — they have now opted to invite the press over at quotes — they have now opted to think the place of the the midnight hour only if they lose their quarter-final against Portugal. Astute planning, but how astute? Surely, arranging a press conference as early as 10am on the Monday morning after the night before, should they win, is optimistic?

Could it be, for example, that the players watched the recording of the game between Portugal and Croatia only yesterday because it took them that long to come back down

terday because it took them that long to come back down to earth? (Desan Uhrin, the coach, has wetched the recording three times already, just in case any of his players forget

The Czech media seemed suspiciously interested yes-terday in the team's ability to cope with a penalty shoot-out. Uhrin was asked to name seven players likely to take spotkicks. He came up with Berger, Kuka and Kubic and then paused - for quite some time

This was worrying. A few minutes earlier. Uhrin had confidently stressed that he had many players capable of taking penalties and a shoot-out would not be a problem. Nervous Czech reporters made some helpful suggestions and, after prompting, Uhrin added Poborsky and Kadlec to the

CAUTIONS: Nedved (2), Kadlec (2), Drulak, Bejbl, Kuka, Suchoparek, Nemec

only 2,000 apparently sober Spanish supporters at the sta-dium. "We had 15,000 for the game against France, but, in Spain today, it is the deadline for paying rent, so maybe they can't afford it," he said. Clemente is likely to bring back Caminero, with Pizzi rivalling the more mobile, but less fa-voured, Kiko, for the vital forward position. who were so popular in the 1950s, I wanted Germany to do well. I have always dreamt of this moment."

History suggests that Blazevic's long wait may end in disappointment. The Germans have won all three previous meetings with Croatia, in the 1940s, and by convincing

**QUARTER-FINALS** Tomorrow Today Tomorrow Portugal v Czech Republic (Villa Park, 6.30) BBC1 Germany v Croatia (Old Trafford, 3.0) ITV France v Holland (Wembley, 3.0) BBC1 (Anfield, 6.30) ITV REPORTS: Ofiver Holt, Peter Ball, Russell Kempson, **SEMI-FINAL SEMI-FINAL** Alyson Rudd and David Maddock OLD TRAFFORD WEMBLEY FINAL Wed June 26 Wed June 26 7.30 4.0 WEMBLEY Sun June 30 7.0 (BBCI AND ITV) **HOW THE GROUPS FINISHED** PWDLFA Pts 321052 7 321050 France 321051 Holland 312043 5 Bulgaria 311134 4 3 1 1 1 3 3 311144 300314 GROUP A GROUP B GROUP C GROUP D Spain 1 Bulgaria 1 Germany 2 Czech Republic 0 Denmark 1 Portugal Shearer (23) Türkyilmaz (83 pen) (Wembley, attendance 76,567) Alfonso (73) Stoichkov (65 pen) (Elland Road, attendance 26,006) Ziege (25) Möller (31) (Old Trafford, attendance 37,300) B Laudrup (21) Sa Pinto (52) (Hillsborough, attendance 34,993) Holland 0 Scotland 0 Romania 0 France 1 Turkey 0 Croatia 1

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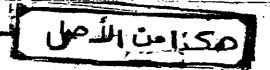
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t two minutes past ten on Tuesday, my Euro 96 pager buzzed for the last time that night. Buzzzzz "Hello, my little friend," I said happily. "Do you have another message, perchance, on this night of famous victory?" I fished it out. kissed it and pressed its buttons. "It makes you proud to be British," it informed me. "Coverage tomorrow of Group C/D finales. Goodnight!!"

"Goodnight!!" I replied, matching the exclamation marks. The pager's euphoria touched precisely the right chord, for it had been a day of great drama. In fact, at ten o'clock. I was still literally floating

Not only had England beaten Holland 41, but I had seen the match leaning out of the Fuji airship, 1,000 feet above Wembley Stadium, snorting the cool wind. straining to hear crowd noise over the drone of engines and watching agape as, time after time, vertically beneath on the emerald grass, a white ball travelled smartly - and oh so neatly - slap-bang into the enemy net.

And now in the mist, the airship sank towards a field near Woking and I came back down to earth with the gentlest of bumps.

How was I chosen for the privilege of travelling on this airship? I am proud to say that my feminine bladder played a part. Its gondola being only about 12 feet long, the airship has no bathroom facilities; male correspondents could not commit themselves to a six-hour flight. Ha, ha, ha, ha. "What, me worry?" being by no means my personal motto. I was in this instance happy to report



Floating on air: this was how Wembley Stadium looked from 1.000 feet up in the Fuji airship on that night of famous victory for England

myself quite carefree; and was soon packing a picnic and humming We're In This Together (as a hymn to my excellent urinary system).

So it was all arranged. My friend, Susan, agreed to come. She said she would wear a straw hat and bring binoculars. I took the pager and some chocolate cake. The day was fine and sunny. At 4.30pm, manly Germans in smart white Fuji uniforms shouldered

the nose-ropes of the 180-foot canopy and walked our airship through long, parched grass with a heart-stopping solemnity that meant it. required only trumpets and powdered wigs to complete the feeling of baroque stateliness. Then they let go of the ropes, we rose on air.

way to Wembley. The first thing you learn about airship flight is that it's more like

our American pilot, Corky, gave us

forward thrust and we were on our

sailing than flying. "Ready to rock and roll!" Corky said cheerfully on lift-off, and unfortunately he

Otis the Aardvark (children's telly puppet) was copiously sick on a previous flight - a fact I found hysterically funny until the gondola started to dip and rise, dip and rise. Lumme, "Move about if you like!" Corky called back to us, over the roar of propellers. "Open windows!" Susan and I beamed

pluckily in response and gave the thumbs up, but remained grimly belted in our seats, feeling our stomachs knock against our ribs.

Croydon passed beneath us. Our photographer took pictures. Corky pulled bits of string, pushed pedals, spun a wheel — as though operating H.G. Wells's time machine.

We gasped and pointed, dutifully. Did people look like ants? Did cars look like Dinky toys? Did train lay-out? Yes, yes and yes. And Croydon looked like Dallas, if you want to know. We could see Wembley from

trees look like painted sponge on a

miles off, the stadium sucking people towards it like a bar magnet with 75,000 iron filings. At the height of 1,000 feet, it turns out that you can see every individual person, but not quite well enough

How wonderful was this going

to be, exactly? At this point, of course, nobody knew. England were probably going to lose and I was probably going to be sick. I ate more chocolate cake, thoughtfully. But then the flags were brought out on the pitch and suddenly could scarcely contain myself. I grabbed the photographer. Flags!" I yelled, pointing. We opened the window and hung out to watch. And, from then on, it was

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simply magic.

Despite the noise, the incipient nausea and the disorientation brought about by relentless anticlockwise circling ("which end are we? Which way are we going?"), the match was still amazing. 'Penalty!" we yelled at each other drumming our feet. "Score!" yelled

The pager (bless it) passed on the news a minute later, telling us who scored the goal. "Shearer!" we hymned, and drummed our feet again. Two weeks ago I had not heard of him. Now I want to have his babies. Meanwhile the players made breathtaking patterns, running back and forth endlessly like

#### 'I had not heard of Shearer two weeks ago. Now I want to have his babies'

marbles on a tray. Floodlights came on in the second half and our view got even better.

As the roar of the crowd filtered through our engines, I felt so overwhelmed that I was impelled to sing Lift Up Your Hearts for the first time since school. How could there possibly be four England

But then, how could we possibly be watching from up here? As the score mounted, we had so much to disbelieve that we didn't, in all honesty, know where to start. But when we returned to earth and it was all still true ("four-one!"), we felt happy, exhausted and strangely proud.

So now I am like the Ancient Mariner, telling the story to anyone who will listen. And the only after-effects - which are worth it - are a propensity to shout " free kick!" out of context, a habit of turning compulsively clockwise (to unwind) and a susceptibility to motor noise so exquisite that 1 jump in the air every time a car goes past or the fridge starts up.

### Beautiful game scores on artistic impression

LET US this week explore some of the vexed and contentious places where art and football meet. For a start, who

I particularly enjoy the French impressionists - Renoir, Cézanne and so on. □ Where scoring goals was concerned, he was a Picasso. ☐ Football fans are taking

part in a work of art.

Before half-time I had to go and rest, so exhausted was I by the ups and downs of the Answers are at the foot of

this column, but, before you look, I offer you some of the copy from a single piece in a blication called tate: the Art Magazine, reviewing an exhibition of footballing art in Manchester: "Sky TV's coverage ... presents soccer as a kind of multi-artistry. gesamtkunstwerk extravaganza ... the crowd within panopticonic football stadia as instruments of mass social control or mobilisation ... the deconstructionist analysis of

Alan Hansen, Andy Gray and .. Gary Lineker ... is as incisive, in its own way, as nuch art writing."
Good as that, eh? All the

above was quoted in the programme for another exhibition of football art, this one called "England's Glory". It takes place at Gallery 27, in Cork Street, London, all next week. There are also some terrific pictures to look at and, if that is not enough incentive for a visit, there is a bar in the same street that serves the best pint of Guinness in London.

### Keeping busy

Goalkeeper of the week is, not for the first time, Jorgé Campos. of Mexico. Last weekend Campos played two matches in the same day: an international, for Mexico against the United States in the US Cup. and then, half an hour later, for his club. Los Angeles Galaxy, in a Major League Soccer game against Tampa Bay Mutiny. Both games were a The Rose Bowl in Pasadena. which at least simplified things. Mexico drew the first match 2-2, enough to win the four-team competition. In the is Galaxy were 2-1 down at half-time and brought on a substitute goalie - but left Campos in the game as an outfield player. By rights, he should have scored, but Galaxy still pulled a goal back and went on to take the match by SIMON BARNES



On Saturday

winning the "shoot-out". No player in modern history has played an international and a league match within an hour of each other. Strangest of all. perhaps: 92,000 people watched the two games.

Legal news: Diana J Nagy is suing the Berry Hill Country Club, in Rhode Island, United States, after her husband, Alexander Nagy Jr. died from falling out of a golf cart two



der Nagy III, and the manufacturer of the cart. A spokesman for the country club said: "The elder Nagy had been drinking and fell out of the cart." Mrs Nagy is suing on the grounds that the cart had no seatbelts, no sides, no doors, inadequate brakes and suspension. She is also suing the club for serving alchohol.

Tactical error Everyone wants to jump on

the bandwagon of footballing

footballing failure. In Italy. this latter matter has included the Mafia. The alleged multimulti murderer, Toto Riina. capo di tutti capi, dictated a statement from prison to his lawyer. Giorgio Mazzefoli. about the Italy coach, Arrigo Sacchi: "Yesterday. Sacchi used suicidal tactics and made suicidal choices." Sacchi can take comfort - perhaps from the fact that Riina. known as I curtu or The Short One, is behind bars.

Barefaced bribe

Minor League baseball is a

serious matter, at least for the players, but promoters face a

constant battle to get people to

watch the games, the concept

of a second division not really

being an aspect of the Ameri

can Zeitgeist. So it comes

about that Palm Springs Suns.

of California, are encouraging

people to go to the game on July 8 naked. To avoid offend-

ing such regular followers as

they have and to protect

baseball's "family image", the

unclad supporters will be

placed in a tent in left field.

with an opaque screen shield-

ing them from the gaze of the

prurient. Sounds just the job for perking up county cricket.

Sticking-point

### Legal eagle

the driver of the cart. Alexan-

Bowls has gone metric this season and this has not been an easy, still less an appropriate, transition. Traditionally, the game is set up by the use of a "yardstick", which is, in fact, two yards in length. This is used to place the mat two yards from the ditch at the chucking end and the jack two yards from the ditch at the other. Now we have two-metre sticks. One club - I am told it is the Metropolitan Bowls Club at Bushey, in Hertford-

shire, but they, on the Mandy Rice-Davies principle, say in must have been someone else - finished for the day one evening and the man responsible for the equipment collected the new sticks to stow them in the shed. They did not fit nicely, as they always used to - so he sawed the ends off. They were, in fact, too long by 17.12cm. or 6 ain. if you prefer. Clearly a man with the right

Answers: Rodney Marsh, Clive Allen ton Greaves). Franco Zeffirelli and Salvador Dali.

### FOOTBALL: SPAIN LIKELY TO PRESENT FORMIDABLE OBSTACLE TO HOSTS' HOPES OF PROGRESS

### Redknapp confident of return to action

BY OLIVER HOLT

JAMIE REDKNAPP, the Liverpool midfield player who dragged England back from the edge of the abyss in the second half of the Group A game against Scotland last Saturday before his day was ruined by a twisted ankle, spoke yesterday about the conflicting emotions that have dominateď his Euro 96.

Redknapp went on as a second-half substitute against Scotland and revitalised his team. He played a vital part in Alan Shearer's opening goal and brought Steve McManaman, his Liverpool team-mate, more and more into the game.

Five minutes from the end, though. Redknapp jumped for a high ball, landed awkwardly on his right foot and damaged ankle ligaments. He was carried off on a stretcher

Caminero's class Holland regroup. England expects

and his tournament seemed to be over after 40 short minutes. At Bisham Abbey yesterday, though, Redknapp, completed his second day of light training, and although Terry

Venables, the England coach. said that he would not be ready for the quarter-final against Spain today, he may England reach the last four. "It was disappointing when I had to go off," Redknapp said. "I was enjoying it so much. I was buzzing and I

think everybody else was, too. I had been feeling really sharp in training and I knew I would take my chance if it came. I knew there were only a few minutes left and I was just thinking about the final whistle and relaxing after the

"I never quite got to do that. but football is full of highs and lows. I like to think I played my part against Scot-land. It did not quite work out the way I wanted it to, but I am on my way back now. I am sure we can win this tournament and, if I continue to improve, hopefully I will be pressing for a place again."

### Match that deepens shades of '66 he similarities between England's World Cup David Miller likens England's task to

the one they succeeded in 30 years ago

Although Spain have the worst disciplinary record of by a fanatical crowd. Spain the quarter-finalists, with nine bookings and one sending-off, they are not the same ruthless breed of spoiling team as were Argentina. However, they will make it immensely difficult for England to build any rhythm. let alone run in four goals, as they did against Holland.

Spain's cautious formation of 45-1 under Javier Clemente bears a striking resemblance to the strategy of Spain's foremost tennis player. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario: keep getting the ball back, neutralise the opposition's strengths, wait patiently for the opponent's mistake.

quarter-final of 1966

and the European champion-

ship quarter-final today at

Wembley are unmistakable:

both against Latin opposition.

Argentina and now Spain, and

both against uncompromis-

ingly tough and primarily

defensive opposition. Now, as

then, it could be England's

most difficult hurdle on the

way to the final, presenting

strategic problems that will

test every element of the

ingenuity of Terry Venables

and his team.

The danger for England will be to become frustrated, then to lay themselves open to the counter-attack by pushing too

wear you down like a dripping tap. In 90 minutes against France - who, with the sadlyeliminated Italy, have been probably the most complete team in the competition -Spain absorbed everything, conceding only one goal, and levelled the score minutes from the end. A penalty shootout today must be a wretched

Alan Shearer, Teddy Sheringham and Paul Gascoigne can expect limpet-like manfor-man marking from Lopez, Abelardo, Nadal, Hierro and the rest, every bit as tenacious in their negative objectives as were Rattin and his colleagues under the direction of the infamous Juan Carlos Lorencounter-attack by pushing too zo. Spain are not participants many men forward, urged on in the same school of fouling

off the ball, which at that time distinguished Argentina, not only against England but also in the first round against ... Spain. For this, Lorenzo had already been warned by Fifa. After the quarter-final, in which Rattin, the captain, was notoriously sent off by Rudolf Kreitlein, the West German referee, Rattin was suspended for four international matches. and Ferreiro and Onega each

England memorably won that match with a near-post header by Geoff Hurst from a left-wing centre by Martin Peters — the only goal. Today is likely to be similarly lowscoring, and England can expect the same dilemma. Ray Wilson, the England

left back in 1966, later recalled

for three.

how difficult the match had been. "They'd won in '64 in Rio a mini-tournament staged by Brazil] without conceding a goal, so we knew they'd be tough to play against," Wilson said. Theirs was a waiting game, whereas we were a counter-punching team. So the home side needed to change its style a bit. We were fortunate to have Geoff [Hurst] in the side. Until we had him, we couldn't play a 50-50 ball up front to draw a defender,

good in the air, so that you can then profit from the knockdowns." England may need something equally special today from Shearer.

McManaman and Anderton, on the flanks, will find that they are heavily pairolled, perhaps even double-marked, by, respectively, Otero and Luís Enrique, and Sergi and Amavisca, in the way that England double-marked with Gary Neville and Pearce against the Holland wingers, Hoekstra and Jordi.

If Nadal, Spain's hit-man -he was sent off in the 1994 World Cup against South Korea and in the qualifying competition for Euro 96 - is detailed to shadow Shearer, where will England find space? It might need one moment of analytical gamereading by Platt, breaking from deep, to achieve a single

clear scoring position.
In England's favour will be the fact that Spain, understandably, go to Wembley as the side with more to fear, whether real or imaginary. That kind of pre-match anxiety can become a burden that ultimately undermines concentration. Spain's unbeaten record since 1994 is a measure of their competence and it is unlikely that England will find much joy, even if they should win. In that instance, the joy will come afterwards.



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No quarter likely to be given as Spain block hosts' route to last four of Euro 96

### England steeled for acid test

**ROB HUGHES** 



Football Correspondent

THE team that prevails at Wembley this expectant afternoon will be English in style and temperament. It will spare nothing in reaching to the depths of courage, it will try to run the legs off the opposition. It will be direct, fierce and riding on the enor-mous roar of a full Wembley crowd. And the name of that team is ... are you sure?

All bar 4,000 people among the 76,000 who are lured to the temple of English football after the triumphalism of Tuesday night will be chorusing the anthems of the team in white. The assumption has been building for days that, now that England have de-flowered the Dutch, nothing can stop them winning the biggest sporting event in this country since 1966.

However, those who are intoxicated by goodwill had better be prepared for some-thing far more attritional, something that will take each team to its very limits, and something that may be decided by a solitary goal, maybe even what is termed a golden goal" in extra time - possibly even by the dreaded penalty shoot-out that, from now until the end of the tournament, will separate equals.

And if, though it is deemed treason to suggest it, that team today is not England, the for it was an Englishman who exported football to northern Spain 98 years ago, and who inspired Athletic Club de Bil-

It runs through the Basque separatism from Spain itself, it reminds the people that the tough northerners are more inclined to the English and their ways, and, for that alone, Javier Clemente, the Spain coach and the feisty little man from the Basque country, is unpopular to the point of apoplexy in the country where he is building a team more on the fighting spirit of the British than on the individualistic flair that once ruled, and let down, the Spanish nation.

Very much closer to home, there is one man in particular who is culpable in showing



Platt, left, who could replace the suspended Ince at Wembley today, looks relaxed as he talks to Anderton during England's training session yesterday

Clemente the way to emulate what is good about the English. Bobby Robson, about to take up employment in Barcelona and without doubt Enmanager abroad, is coming home to the realisation that his teachings to Clemente

could rebound this afternoon Clemente, in the image of Brian Clough, is a manager of men who pours his obsessional desire into players lucky enough to have a career where his finished with a bad knee injury at 24.

Clemente set sail for England, alighted at Ipswich, presented himself to Robson and stayed a month. He pestered Robson for knowledge, and he returned to Bilbao to redesign Athletic into a 4-4-2 Ipswich formation, winning the Spanish league and preparing himself for national team management.

The much-reported little spat between Clemente and a Madrid radio broadcaster this week was a manifestation of the Madrid media's detesta-

kick-off: 3pm.

be played under the "Golden Goal" rule if the scores are level after 90 minutes, the learns will play 30 minutes of sudden death extra time the first learn to score wins, it no team scores within the extra period, the match will be settled by penalty shoot-out.

built a national squad around Basques, Indeed, in the probable Spain line-up today, only Caminero was born in the capital. The vast majority were either raised in the north,

or play as if they were. That goes for Miguel Angel Nadal, a Spanish southerner who is so ferocious that the red card is almost second nature to him. Paul Gascoigne, very probably, will find that there is no room for inspiration, no way past Nadal without being bruised up to and beyond the limits of a referee's tolerance.

ment, as he did the 1994 World Cup, two matches late because of suspension. He very quickly became the ninth Spaniard to he booked in Euro 96 and a tenth, the Argentina-born centre forward, Juan Antonio Pizzi, was sent off for a bad

foul in the match Bulgaria. It is coincidence, I am sure. that Clemente's assistant is Andoni Goicoechea, the Basque who so revelled in the tackle that severely damaged the left ankle of Diego Maradona that he kept the boot that did it in a glass frame. Goicoechea, on spying mis-

sions this week, has isolated Gascoigne and Steve McManaman as the English players who must be stopped.

The heart of the Spanish resistance has been resistance itself. Nadal and the powerful, but fair, Hierro work at the heart of midfield. in front of the equally forceful central defenders, Alkorta and Ahelardo. The full backs fly with pace, but the team finds it hard to be inspired into goalscoring form until the

final quarter of the match. Spain have twice come from behind, twice won precious points within the last five minutes, and this sting in their tail is planned for and expected even of a side made up of players supposedly tired after an extra-long domestic league season, which ran until May 26. "My team has a big heart." Clemente said. "No side's is bigger. And you are right to describe the strengths as my pivotal midfield players, they

talents among the best on

are the best in the world." England decided on Tuesday night that they, too, had

Venables's team have strength to defy omens Bobby Robson on how the Spanish can

be overcome in the quarter-finals

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t is a strange coincidence and I hope it is not a bad England team I managed lost the quarter-finals of the Mexico World Cup to Argentina. I know everyone is happy that we have got to the same stage of Euro 96 against Spain today but let me tell you now. it is not enough.

There were special circumstances about that game against Argentina, admittedly: the presence of Maradona and his "Hand of God" goal. But we had gone into it. like this England team, having recovered from a poor start and on the back of two

When it was over, we were able to face the country with our heads held high but the overriding feeling

was one of disappointment and anger. It was a job that had only been half done and it is an emotion that I hope Terry Venables and his Terry team do not have to get to grips with

earth. Sheringham said that

he plays now in a team that is

on a par with Brazil. Yet there

is no reason to suppose that

the heart of the Spaniards will

stop beating just because the

greater mass of the crowd is

on a high for someone else:

and if the injury scares involv-

Anderton become a gamble on

their fitness, be sure that

Spain will test every muscle,

every sinew and every ounce

Today could bring confir-

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England, or it could bring the

end of a shortlived fantasy.

Knockout football at this level

is as uncompromising as that.

ENGLAND (3-5-1-1, probable) D Seamer (Arsenal) — G Newlile (Manchester United), A Adams (Arsenal) S Pearce (Notinghem Forest) — S McManeman (Lwapool), D Platt (Arsenal), G Southgate (Aston Villa), P Gascolgne (Rangers), D Anderton (Tottenham Holspur) — E Sheringham (Tottenham Holspur) — A Sheerer (Blackburn Rovers)

of determination.

Adams, Shearer and

this evening.
I made it clear earlier in the week, though. that from what I have seen of Spain. England should beat them. I saw an efficient team against France and Romania, a well-organised team, and one that will continue to fight until the end. They would not have scored the late goals they have if they did not have a

If they have a weakness it is that they lack penetration going down the flanks and Shearer is more mobile than anything they have got in attack and more elusive. England, in my opinion, are way ahead in terms of creativity, too. We will unlock the door more than them and I think that, over the 90 minutes, England will score a couple of

When they get to the last eight or the semi-finals of a tournament such as this. something seems to happen to the Spanish. It is almost as if they have not got that one outstanding player who can get them through to the final but, like the Portuguese, they are gradually getting over that and their belief and philosophy now is as strong as it ever has been.

They have got a good coach. a thinking coach, in Javier Clemente, someone who is not afraid to change things round. at Atletic Bilbao, he came to ipswich Town in the early 1970s to see how we played and take notes. I did some blackboard work with him and showed him our systems. He had a real thirst for knowledge.

In fact, the issue is not really that the Spanish are lacking anything and I am looking forward tremendously to coaching the six Barcelona players in the squad when I take over there. It is more that the England team has great euphoria around it at the moment and the players are

on a bit of a roll. The kind of confidence they have got at the moment must be a bit like Nick Faldo standing on the first tee and knowing that he is going to hit it way, or a batsman

of centuries, feeling that he is going to hit every shot off the middle of the bat.

That feeling happened to my team in the 1990 World Cup in Italy. We got to a stage where we did not think we could lose. It is a massive wave that they are riding at luck, it will become unstoppable as success follows success They just have to beware of complacency but I think they

can cope with that by now. People have asked me if I will have any divided loyalties today with so many of the Barcelona players on view. Of course, I like to think that they will show me things that will give me confidence for next season but I cannot change my nationality. I have got my lovaities.

I am reading articles by players here and there and they seem to be enjoying themselves and the tournament. They should be able to cope with the new feeling of people actually expecting them to win for once. They are not afraid of anybody.

### Shearer survives rigorous health check



THERE was a time when all Alan Shearer was ever asked in press conferences was why could be never score for England. That line of questioning has gone for ever. Since he scored against Switzerland in the opening game of the European championship, all most people want to know is how long he can keep the run going. Yesterday. though, the subject was something

The English and Spanish press were desperate to know about Shearer's thigh. Shearer was patience personified. He said he did not think it was a strain that had brought on the tightness that had forced him to miss training, that it was more likely to be some sort of innocuous knock he had suffered in

the win over Holland on Tuesday. No, he said, he had never had an injury like this before, and, no, he did not know if it would be aggravated by playing on with it.

He thought rest was the best policy, together with the ultra-sound treatment he is was receiving. It would be his decision whether he played in the quarterfinal against Spain today. He would have a fitness test this The attention to detail, though,

was understandable. Coming amid doubts about the fitness of Darren Anderton and Tony Adams, the loss of Shearer, who has scored in every game so far and is the tournament's leading marksman, would be a heavy blow for England to absorb ahead of today's encoun-

Already without Paul Ince, who will probably be replaced by David Platt in central midfield, England can ill-afford any further disruption to a team that had settled into a rhythm, especially against opponents as determined and unyielding as the Spanish. Gradually,

Caminero in demand Team-by-team guide In heaven with England ..... David Miller ...

though, fears were soothed as Terry Venables, the England coach, laid a calming hand on tense

Adams' injury, a problem with scar tissue on his knee, was similar to the one he faced before the game

against Holland, Venables said. and he was able to play in that one. Anderton's problem, too, is thought to be relatively minor, even though it stopped him training for a second successive day yesterday.

Shearer gave nothing away but the consensus among observers at the England training ground was that it would take more than a thigh strain to make him sit out the

When the dissection of the injury problems was over. Venables turned his attention to today's opponents. They have got a great spirit and they are technically very good," he said. "You do not go 20 games unbeaten by lying down." Shearer warned that no one

should expect any repeat of the freeflowing match with the Dutch. He forecast a tight, tense game, a war of attrition more akin to last Saturday's game against Scotland without the same high-scoring result and euphoria.

"I would be very surprised if we were allowed the same kind of freedom we had against the Dutch," Shearer said, "Spain are a very dogged side and they do not give anything away. As long as we give 100 per cent, though, that is all anyone can ask of us."

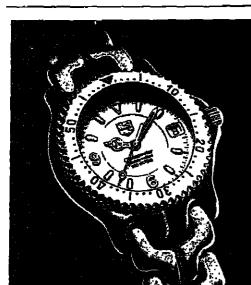
As for signs of encouragement about his prospects of playing today, he gave one last signal that his appente for scoring has not been dulled by his recent glut. "I have always said that the best feeling in the world is scoring a goal," Shearer said. "Don't tell my missus, that, but it is. When that ball hits the back of the net, it is



Jack Russell, above, scored his second Test century as England reached 344 all out on the second day of the second Test match against India at Lord's yesterday. At close of play, India trailed by 261 runs with eight first in-nings wickets in hand. Report, page 51

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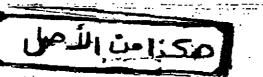
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